

**Sale 854**

Friday, December 20, 2002



# The Oded Eliashar Award-Winning Collection of Worldwide Pigeon Post Mail



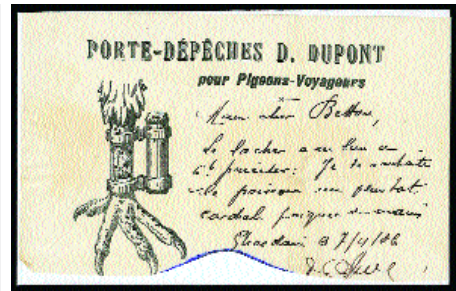
*Robert A. Siegel*

AUCTION GALLERIES, INC.

[www.siegelauctions.com](http://www.siegelauctions.com)

# Sale 854

Friday, December 20, 2002  
at 1:30 p.m.



4143EX

## The Oded Eliashar Award-Winning Collection of Worldwide Pigeon Post Mail

Offered by order of the owner

### Pre-sale exhibition

Monday, December 16 — 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment (please call 212-753-6421)

On-line catalogue, e-mail bid form, resources and  
the Siegel Encyclopedia are available on our web site:

[www.siegelauctions.com](http://www.siegelauctions.com)

### Arrangement of Sale

Afternoon session (lots 4001-4163)  
Friday, December 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Franco-Prussian War—Siege of Paris .....	5-11
Great Barrier Island .....	12-55
Other Pigeon Posts by Country .....	56-70

### On the cover

Front: Marotiri sheet (lot 4072)  
Back: French reply card (lot 4010)

## Introduction to The Oded Eliashar Collection

ON RARE OCCASIONS A COLLECTOR SUCCEEDS IN BRINGING together elements from many different sources in order to tell the complete story of a subject. So it has been with Oded Eliashar and his effort to tell the story of how carrier pigeons have been employed in mail communication.

According to Salvador Bofarull's book, *Pigeon Mail Through History*, the first evidence of carrier pigeons can be found in ancient Egypt. Through the ages they have been used to transmit news, civilian business and personal correspondence, and military intelligence. Even today they are used for this purpose.

The Eliashar collection features the two most fascinating and extensive pigeon post operations: the mail in and out of Paris during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71, when German forces held the city under siege; and the Great Barrier Island Pigeongram Service of the late 19th century. The Eliashar collection also presents a selection of significant pigeon post mail from other countries and periods.

Many items in the Eliashar collection were purchased from the Burberry collection and the personal collections of Cyril and Bernard Harmer. The most significant items have been used to illustrate the Bofarull book and the Walker book, *The Great Barrier Island 1898-99 Pigeon Post Stamps*.

The Eliashar collection has earned Gold medals at New Zealand (1990) and Singapore (1995), and Large Gold medals at Spain (1996), Norway (1997), Pacific (1997), Jerusalem (1998) and London (2000). Many of these gold-medal awards were accompanied by special prizes.

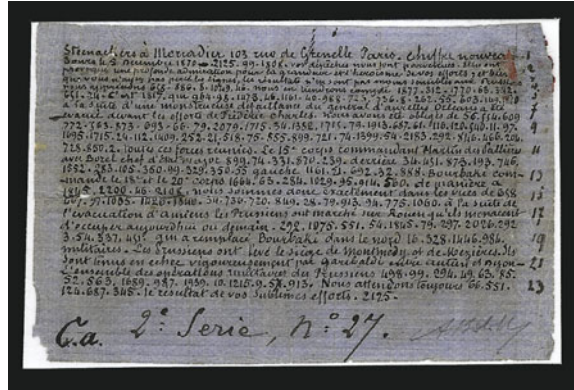
This sale presents an extraordinary opportunity to study and learn about this fascinating area of philately and communication. The inclusion of so many rare and unique pieces gives collectors the chance to acquire the "keys" to pigeon posts, as well as the countries in which they operated.

— SCOTT R. TREPEL

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 4001-4163)  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002, AT 1:30 P.M.

THE ODED ELIASHAR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION  
OF WORLDWIDE PIGEON POST MAIL

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR — SIEGE OF PARIS



4001

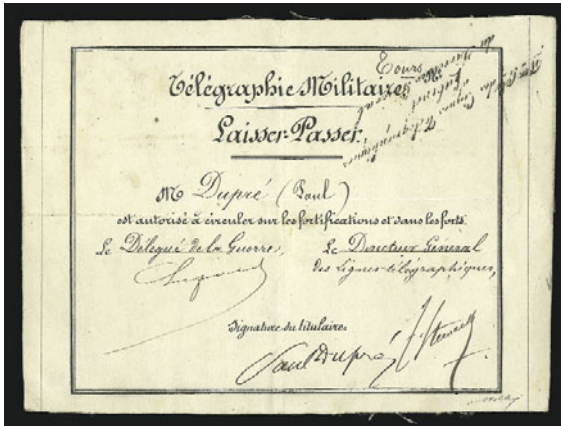
4001° **Official Handwritten Communication.** From Director of Telegraphs and Posts F.F. Steenackers to Engineering Director of Telegraphic Service Mercadier, on 69 x 45mm blue flimsy with usual small handwriting, tiny adherence on back at top right, usual folds and tiny paper breaks associated with rolling into a tube and strapping onto a pigeon  
VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE OFFICIAL HANDWRITTEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH POSTAL SERVICE.

The letter is written in a combination of letters and code.

For the first month after the siege of Paris began, small handwritten messages carried by pigeons were the only means of communicating with Paris. It was very inefficient because the messages had to be transcribed in very small handwriting so the pigeons could carry them. The Germans often shot down pigeons so that messages failed to reach Paris. To compensate, the French first began sending multiple copies of the same message with different pigeons. But the problems of having to produce multiple copies by hand in such small writing with one message per flimsy, coupled with the public's demand to communicate with the Parisians, forced the French to find ways to increase the quantity of messages sent to Paris. Subsequent lots in this section illustrate France's more efficient means of transmitting news and messages by pigeons.

Illustrated in *Memoir of the Photographic & Administrative Section of the Service of Dispatching by Carrier Pigeons During the Siege of Paris 1870-71*, as translated by George W. Angers. The caption below reads "There were very few of these manuscript messages and they are extremely rare."

Signed Bolaffi. With 1990 Bolaffi certificate. .... E. 2,000-3,000



4002° ⊠ **F.F. Steenackers.** Signature on Pass with signature of the Secretary of War permitting Mr. Paul Dupre to circulate freely between the forts, three-line handstamp at top right, affixed to thin canvas and folded horizontally and vertically, otherwise Very Fine, signed Bolaffi and with 1990 Bolaffi certificate.....  
 ..... E. 300-400

4002



4003EX

4003° **Photographic Reproductions.** Four official dispatches from Steenackers to Mercadier comprising 1) official guide about postal services with a couple handwritten messages at bottom also from Steenackers to Mercadier dated Oct. 21, 1870; 2) messages informing Mercadier that postage stamps are now being printed in Bordeaux; 3) message stating the last balloon was captured by the Prussians, with printed headline "Service des DEPECHEs PAR PIGEONS VOYAGEURS organise par A. M. MERCADIER, rue Grenelle-Saint-Germain, No. 103, Paris; 4) pages 23-26 of private messages dated Nov. 11, 1870 with same headline as No. 3, first three 55 x 75-85mm, last 75 x 100mm, fresh and Very Fine group — in the first attempts to improve efficiency, messages were copied, affixed to cardboard with no space between them and photographed at the ratio of 1:300; the film was then sent by pigeon to Paris.....(**Photo Ex**) E. 1,000-1,500



4004

4004° **Photographic Reproduction.** Two pages of Official Dispatch with letter dated Feb. 1, 1871—the **last day of the pigeon post**—written by Jules Simon with exceptional content referring to battles in Bordeaux and regret over the surrender of Paris on Jan. 28, framed in 64 x 86mm poster board frame, large break in reproduction at bottom clear of text, otherwise Extremely Fine, a rare last day usage with great content ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4005

4005° **Photo-Micrography Carried by Pigeon into Paris.** Six pages of typed text on one 21 x 23mm piece of ultra-thin paper, each page with Dagron & Co. handstamp and “Depeches per Pigeons”, faults incl. large pieces out of two pages (to be expected from this extremely fragile paper)

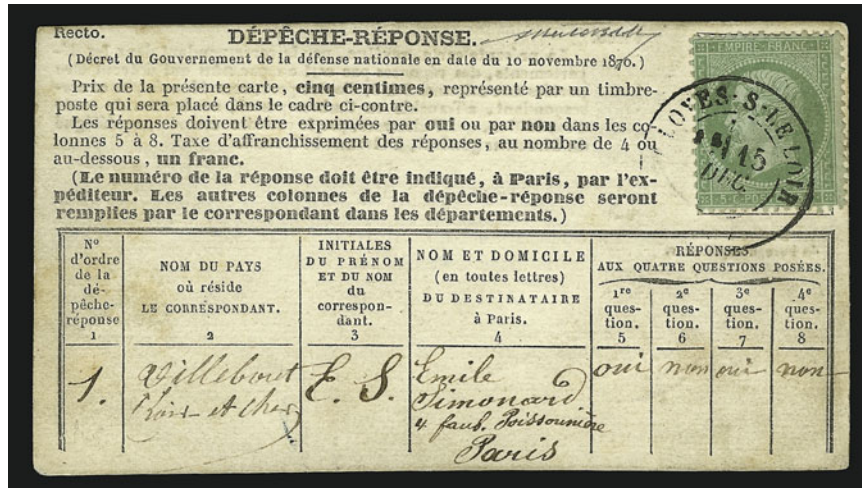
FINE. A WONDERFUL POSTAL ARTIFACT OF THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

Dagron, a Parisian resident, found a means of reducing the size of the dispatches further to enable the pigeons to carry more information per trip. He left Paris on Nov. 12 in the Balloon “Niepce” that was shot at by the Prussians. When his balloon finally landed, he and his fellow passengers evaded pursuing Prussian soldiers on foot. Dagron arrived at Tours on Nov. 21 and began work immediately.

With 1990 Bolaffi certificate..... E. 5,000-7,500



- 4006 **Dagron “Post War Souvenir”.** Souvenir made by Dagron after the war comprising a piece of microfilm carried by pigeon into Paris during the war in a frame with illustrations and text on front and back, microfilm shows eleven pages of text, frame with light creases and one page in microfilm with small fault, otherwise Very Fine, signed Bolaffi ..... E. 300-400
- 4007° **Pigeon Post Receipts.** Two receipts acknowledging receipt of pigeon messages on Dec. 5 and 12, 1870 and blue undated stampless (official) envelope with “Telegramme prive”, boxed “P.P.” hs, and blue signature of M. Mercadier printed at top, envelope with toning at sides, receipts with central vertical folds, otherwise Very Fine, the envelope was used to distribute pigeon messages after transcription onto the blue transcription forms, one receipt and envelope signed Bolaffi and with 1990 Bolaffi certificate ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 4008° **Pigeon Message Transcription Form.** 236 x 132mm blue form, ms. 30 Nov. (1870) date at top left, “Par Central 7 Febr. 71” datestamp, horizontal and vertical file folds with one ending in small tear, small tear at top left, otherwise Very Fine and scarce, when messages were received, they were projected onto a screen and transcribed by hand onto these forms and forwarded to the intended recipient, the message is short due to the high cost of messages and was sent **nine weeks** after receipt due to the large quantity of messages sent by pigeons..... E. 1,000-1,200
- 4009° ☒ **Ballon Poste.** Lettre-Journal De Paris, No. 4, Nov. 1, 1870, carried on the “Ville de Chateaudun”, with 20c Blue tied by No. “17” in dots and with “Nov. 5, 1870” double circle datestamp to French address, content refers to the new pigeon reply cards, with paper arrow affixed for exhibition purposes, faults, appears Fine, with photocopy of 1990 Bolaffi certificate erroneously stating the content is related to the Dagron microphotography process ..... E. 100-150



4010

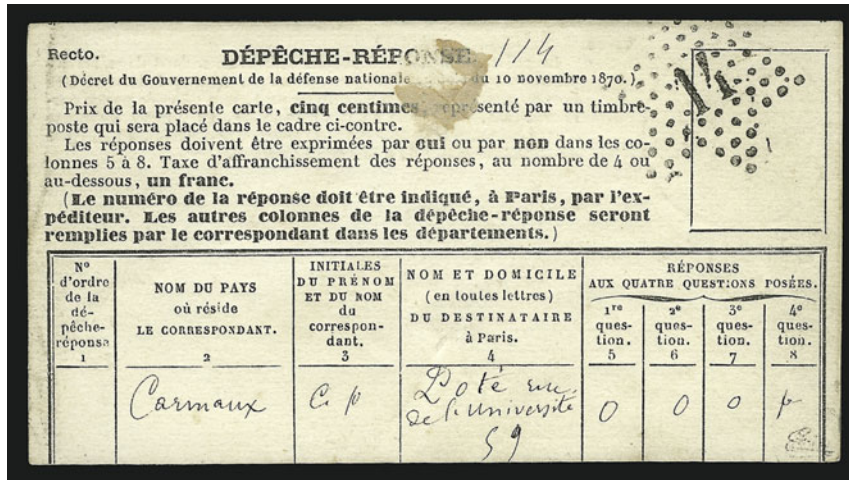
4010° ☒ **Pigeon Dispatch Reply Card.** Front with usual 5c Green (23, Yvert No. 20) tied by “Cloyes S. Le Loir Dec. 15 1870” double circle datestamp, reverse with 20c Blue and 80c Carmine (33 and 36, Yvert Nos. 29 and 32) with blue ms. and tied by blue 30 Aut. 1873 double-circle datestamps, card with printed text instructing recipient to complete eight columns with the first four relating to the sender and the recipient and the last four yes or no

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE “DEPECHE-REPONSE” PRE-PRINTED CARD FROM THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

By order of Nov. 10, 1870, dispatch-reply cards were distributed by Parisian post offices for citizens to include with their letters that were carried by balloon. The senders had to affix 5c in postage to the front and 1fr in postage to the reverse, and fully complete the eight columns — addressee, sender, and yes or no answers to four questions. The recipient was then supposed to write their response to the sender on the reverse and deliver it to a post-office. The cards were then supposed to be sent for processing at Clermont-Ferrand, but were probably processed elsewhere. Their messages were transcribed and microphotographed and sent to Paris by carrier pigeon, and the cards allegedly destroyed. This card, however, was not deliverable, and remained in the French “dead letter office” until August 30, 1873, when it was returned to the sender in Paris. It may be unique.

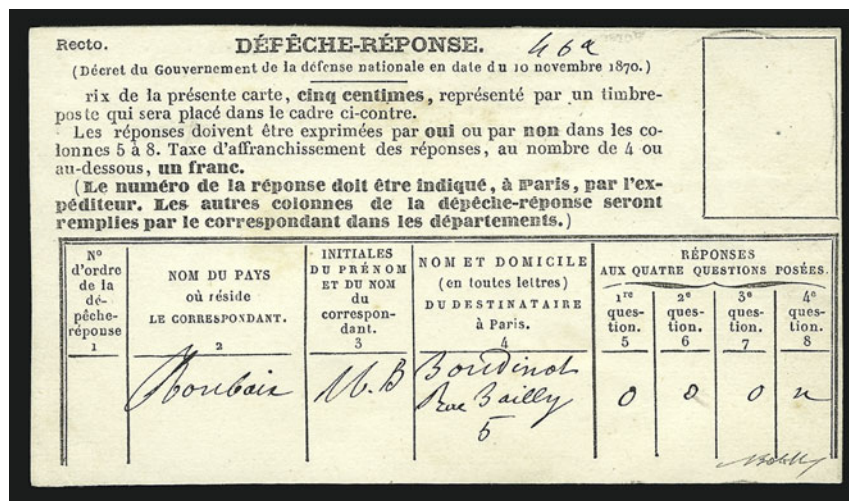
Illustrated in Bofarull (p.38). Signed Bolaffi. With 1990 Bolaffi certificate .....  
 ..... E. 15,000-20,000





4011

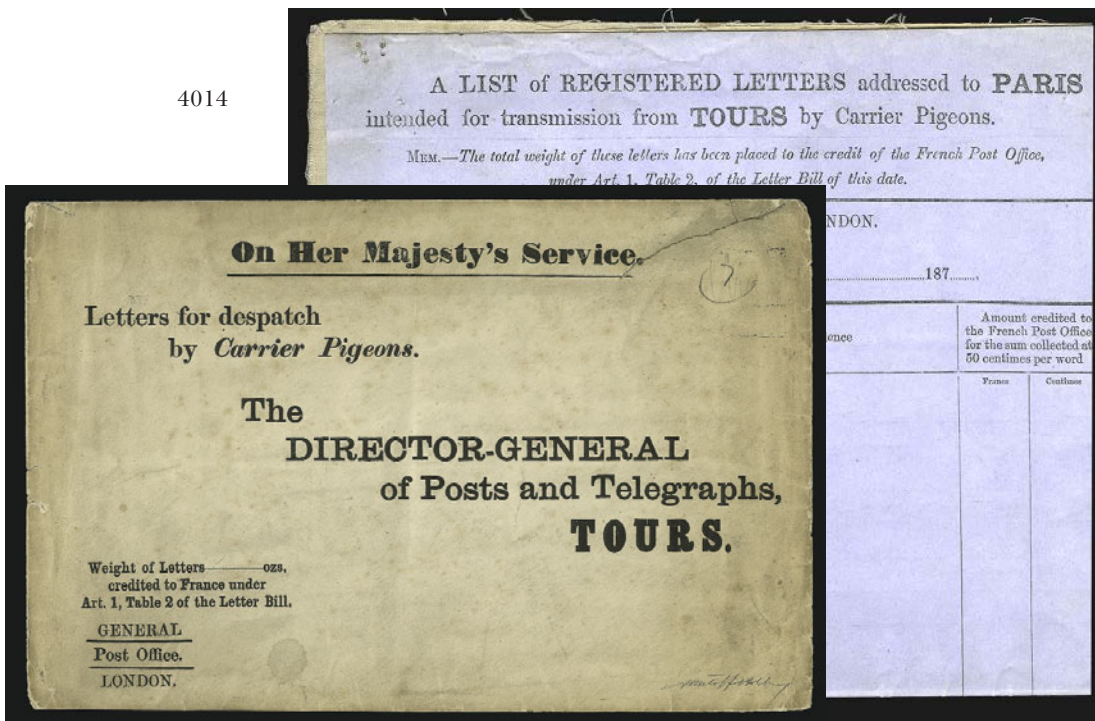
4011° ☒ **Pigeon Dispatch Reply Card.** Used in place of the blue receipt form, without stamps but with bold "14" in six-pointed star of dots cancel  
 EXTREMELY FINE PIGEON DISPATCH REPLY CARD. INCREDIBLY RARE AS MOST WERE DESTROYED.  
 The card is accompanied by a Ballon Monte cover with 20c Blue (33), tied by six-pointed star of dots cancel, "Jan. 7, 1871" double circle datestamp to Carmaux (carried on the "Duquesne")..... E. 5,000-7,500



4012

4012° ☒ **Pigeon Dispatch Reply Card.** Used in place of blue receipt, without stamps but with trace of circular datestamp, with original stampless cover with two-line hs and "Feb. 11, 1871" circular datestamp in which it was delivered to the recipient,  
 EXTREMELY FINE PIGEON DISPATCH REPLY CARD. INCREDIBLY RARE AS MOST WERE DESTROYED.  
 The pigeon service officially ended on Feb. 1, 1871; this was delivered on Feb. 11, probably due to the huge backlog of untranscribed mail. .... E. 5,000-7,500

4014



- 4013° **British Postal Service Printed Notice.** 279 x 425mm with heading “Open Letters for Paris, Transmission of by Carrier Pigeons”, with rules and regulations, dated Nov. 16, 1870, rough edges incl. pieces out and paper breaks along heavy creases mostly reinforced by tape, ms. at top corners, Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.39), a rare piece of pigeon post ephemera relating to the Franco-Prussian War, with photocopy of 1990 Bolaffi certificate.....*Not illustrated* E. 300-400
- 4014° **British Postal Service List of Messages to be sent to Paris by Pigeon.** Unused two-page form on blue paper with printed heading “A LIST of REGISTERED LETTERS addressed to PARIS intended for transmission from TOURS by Carrier Pigeons”, affixed to canvas and folded in half to fit in original 288 x 187mm official envelope with printed address to “The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, Tours.” and printed “Letters for despatch by *Carrier Pigeons*”, cover with small sealed tear at top right and form with thumbtack holes in corners, otherwise Very Fine and scarce, illustrated in Baldwin and Bofarull (p. 39), both signed Bolaffi and with 1990 Bolaffi certificate..... E. 1,000-1,500



4015

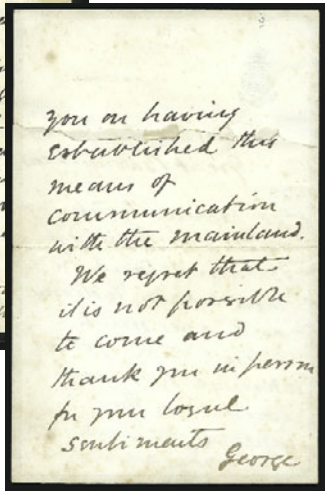
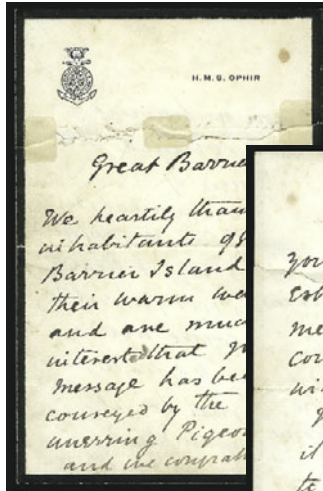
- 4015°✉ **Pigeon Post from England to Paris.** Stampless folded letter written in French, datelined “London, November 11, 1870” on thin tissue paper, British Post Office label with well-struck “Notting Hill Catebo De. 21, 1870” circular datestamp and ms. “*Per Pigeon Post*” in pencil, faults incl. cover with large splits along folds  
 VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEPTIONALY RARE FOLDED LETTER FROM ENGLAND TO PARIS CARRIED BY PIGEON POST.  
 Signed Bolaffi. With photocopy of 1990 Bolaffi certificate..... E. 3,000-4,000

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND



4016

4016°✉ **Saved from the wreck of the “WAIRARAPA”.** Two-line handstamp in blue on cover with Jeweller and Watchmaker printed advertisement on front and back to New Zealand, stamp removed as usual, edge faults at left, otherwise Fine, the sinking of the S.S. Wairarapa directly illustrated the need for better communication between New Zealand and the Great Barrier Island and indirectly led to the creation of the two pigeon mail services. For details, please see the Walker book published (and still available) from the Collectors Club of New York ..... E. 400-500



4017

4017° **Letter from the Duke of Cornwall (later King George V).** On stationery with black border, **written entirely in the Duke’s hand and signed by him**, message datelined “Great Barrier Island” and reads “We heartily thank inhabitants of Great Barrier Island for their warm welcome and are much interested that your message has been conveyed by the unerring Pigeon and we congratulate you on having established this means of communication with the mainland. We regret that it is not possible to come and thank you in person for your loyal sentiments. George”, front of letter with horizontal tear with small pieces out along tear

FINE. A RARE LETTER WRITTEN ENTIRELY IN THE HAND OF AND SIGNED BY KING GEORGE V.

Accompanied by three items written by the Duke’s secretary, Arthur Bigge — a letter to the Service thanking Howie for stamps and a letter and outer envelope without stamps to the Great Barrier Pigeon Agency. Described in Walker (p. 34-35)..... E. 2,000-3,000

4018° **Method of Folding Flimsies to Attach Them to the Legs of Pigeons.** One unused each from the Agency and Service folded into strips, Agency form with 6p stamp affixed, Service form No. 4 or 4a, also incl. photograph illustrating how the folded flimsy was attached to the pigeon, Extremely Fine....  
.....*Not illustrated* E. 1,000-1,500

4019° **Auckland Flying Club Award.** 228 x 156mm third place certificate awarded to S.H. Howie in 1896, signed by the Club’s honorary secretary, J.E. Parkin, light soiling, Fine, Parkin and Howie ran the Service, and a slightly modified version of the illustration of a pigeon in flight at the top of the certificate was used by Fricker in his stamps, with unused 6p Agency stamp for comparison .....  
.....*Not illustrated* E. 100-150

THE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND PIGEONGRAM SERVICE  
FIRST ISSUE

4020°★ 1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue. Original gum, small h.r., fresh and Fine ..... E. 150-250



4020



4021

4021°★田 1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue. Complete sheet of 18, original gum, eight stamps Mint N.H., others small h.r. or tiny adherences incl. three with small faults

FINE. A RARE COMPLETE SHEET OF THE FIRST PIGEONGRAM STAMP OF THE ORIGINAL GREAT BARRIER PIGEON SERVICE.

Only 100 sheets were printed. Illustrated in Walker (p.39, Figure 12). ..... E. 2,000-3,000

4022°(★)田 1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue. Complete sheet of 18, unused (no gum), some perf separations and small toned spots, Fine, only 100 sheets were printed, with undated Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand certificate..... E. 1,000-1,500



4022

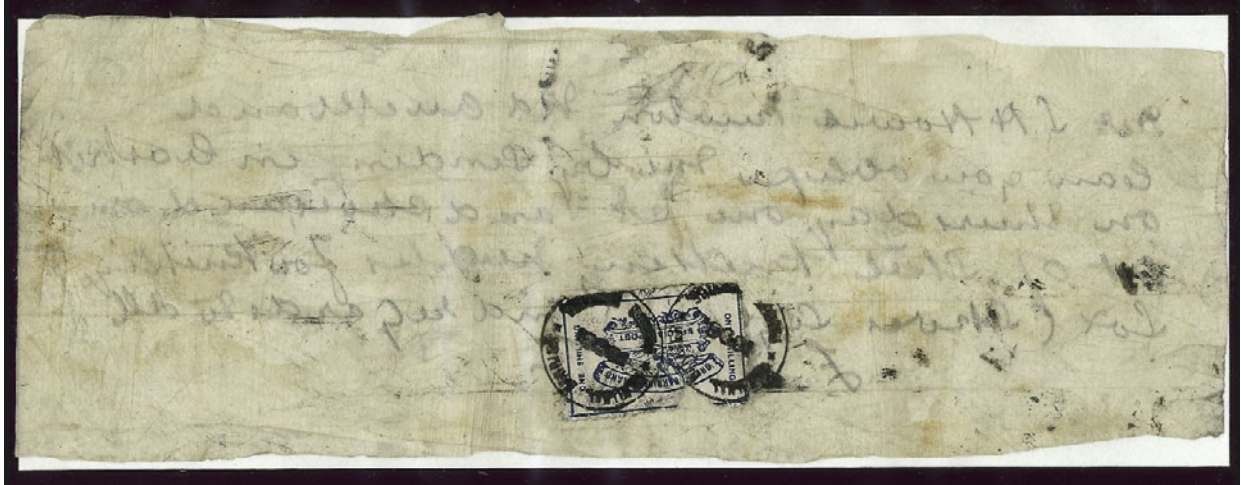
4023°★ 1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue. Balance of six unused stamps, two used stamps, two forgeries, and print made from the original plate, unused incl. all three different stereotypes, forgery incl. unused pane of four, on exhibit pages, Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 500-750



4024

4024°☒ **1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue.** Tied by two violet “Original Barrier Pigeon Service 1898” (Ty. I) circular datestamps on flimsy dated April 1898, stamp with piece out at top  
EXTREMELY FINE. ONLY THREE FLIMSIES WITH THE FIRST ISSUE CANCELLED ARE KNOWN, AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE WITH A VIOLET CANCEL.

The other known examples have either a blue or black cancel. The flimsy with a black cancel appears in the next lot. In mount on exhibit page with used stamp with black cancel ..... E. 15,000-20,000



4025

4025°☒ **1898, 1sh Blue, First Issue.** Tied by two **black** "Original Barrier Pigeon Service 1898" (Ty. I) circular datestamps on flimsy dated April 1898

EXTREMELY FINE. ONLY THREE FLIMSIES WITH THE FIRST ISSUE CANCELLED ARE KNOWN, AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE WITH A BLACK CANCEL.

The other known examples have either a blue or violet cancel. The latter is offered in the previous lot. In mount on exhibit page with used stamp with unlisted violet straightline "Barrier" cancel, which Bofarull reports is only one of three known... E. 15,000-20,000

SECOND ISSUE

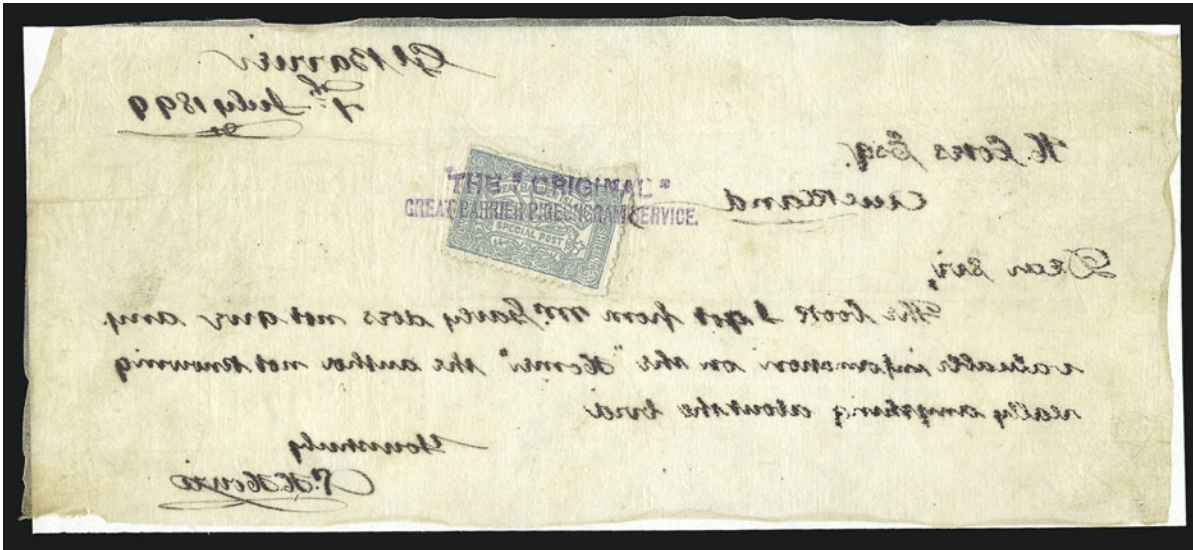


- 4026° ★ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Original gum, h.r., beautifully centered, Extremely Fine ..... E. 100-150
- 4027° ★ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Six, each from different plate position, original gum, two lightly hinged, others h.r., also incl. reprint made from original plate, in mounts on exhibit page, Very Fine ..... *Not illustrated* E. 500-750
- 4028° ★ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Three vertical strips of four, two with top selvage and other with selvage on three sides, each clearly showing **shade varieties**, disturbed original gum, strip with selvage on three sides with usual toned spots on gum, otherwise Fine-Very Fine ..... **(Photo Ex)** E. 500-750
- 4029° **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Perfectly struck violet "S.H. Howie Newton Rd. Auckland" oval cancel, light creases, appears Very Fine, this is an unlisted cancel that was usually used as a heading for office stationery ..... E. 200-300



4030

- 4030° ★田 **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Complete sheet of 24 with usual selvage on three sides only, original gum, lightly hinged in top margin and two stamps, **other 22 stamps Mint N.H.**, fresh color, small diagonal creases at top right affect one stamp, one stamp with tiny translucency, few perf separations and couple toned spots on gum show thru as usual
- VERY FINE. A RARE INTACT SHEET OF THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND ORIGINAL PIGEONGRAM SERVICE.
- Only 200 sheets were printed, and 40 of those were overprinted to make the Third Issue.  
..... E. 2,000-3,000



4031

4031 ◻ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Tied by bold violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 2) two-line cancel on 200 x 87mm flimsy datelined “7th July, 1899”, **message written entirely in the hand of proprietor S.H. Howie and signed by him**, stamp with tiny pre-use tear

EXTREMELY FINE. A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE SECOND ISSUE USED ON A FLIMSY WRITTEN ENTIRELY IN THE HAND OF S.H. HOWIE.

Howie bought the Pigeongram Service from Parin on April 27, 1898, and added the word “Original” to its name. The message was written to H. Cotes Esq (from whom Howie bought some of his pigeons) and reads “Dear Sir, The book I got from Mr. Gavay does not give any valuable information on the “Homer”, the author not knowing really anything about the bird. Yours truly, S.H. Howie”. Illustrated in Walker (p.50, Figure 20).………… E. 2,000-3,000



4032

4032 ◻ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Tied by two light strikes of **unlisted** violet “Barrier Auckland NZ 12 Jun 99” double oval datestamp on 205 x 57mm flimsy datelined “Barrier 6/12/99”, **message written entirely in the hand of Whangaparapara agent A.S. Howe and signed by him**, to S.H. Howie, reads “Owing to severe weather down here, I have not been able to dispatch any birds at the present. Kindly send pigeon food by next boat and oblige. A.S. Howe”

EXTREMELY FINE. A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE SECOND ISSUE USED ON A FLIMSY WRITTEN ENTIRELY IN THE HAND OF A.S. HOWE WITH AN UNLISTED DATESTAMP.

With 1989 P.F. certificate………… E. 3,000-4,000



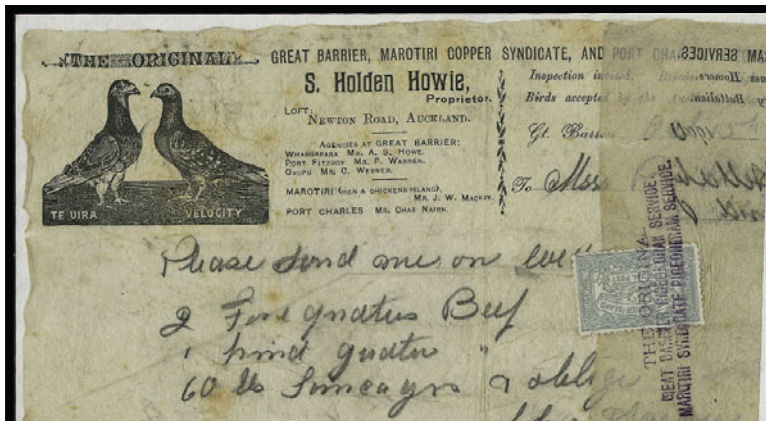


4033

4033° ☒ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Tied by bold violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 2) two-line handstamp on 215 x 36mm flimsy datelined “*Great Barrier, May 19th*”, folded twice into thirds

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE OF THE TYPE 2 HANDSTAMP.

This handstamp was used on the Second and Third Issues. The first day of issue is March 2, 1899, but according to Goodkind, May 19th is the earliest date of this cancel recorded by Cyril Harmer. .... E. 2,000-3,000



4034



4035

4034° ☒ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Tied by bold violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Marotiri Syndicate Pigeongram Service” three-line cancel (Walker flimsy Ty. 5, Bofarull cancel Ty. S.7) on printed 213 x 112mm flimsy datelined “*Oct. 15, 1900*”, flimsy with tear at right

EXTREMELY FINE. A REMARKABLE USAGE OF THE SECOND ISSUE USED ON A FLIMSY.

Second Issue stamps used in Marotiri usually have a “Marotiri Pigeongram” overprint. The overprinted stamps were available from June 1899, and the new issue for Marotiri was available from Sept. 1899. There was an ample supply of both in October 1900; therefore, the use of this unoverprinted Second Issue is enigmatic. Illustrated in Bofarull (p.71). .... E. 2,000-3,000

4035° ☒ **1899, 1sh Light Blue, Second Issue.** Tied by bold violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) handstamp on 200 x 67mm flimsy datelined “*Gt. Barrier, 22 June 1899*”, accompanied by original receipt in Auckland, Extremely Fine, an outstanding piece ..... E. 2,000-3,000

THIRD ISSUE — “PIGEONGRAM” OVERPRINT



4036



4037

- 4036° ★ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Original gum, small h.r., small violet handstamp on gum does not show thru, few gum soaked perf tips at top, Very Fine, only 960 issued and approximately 160 were used ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 4037° ★ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Large part original gum, small thin spot and gum soaked perf tips at top, small “Cole” hs on gum does not show thru, appears Very Fine ..... E. 750-1,000



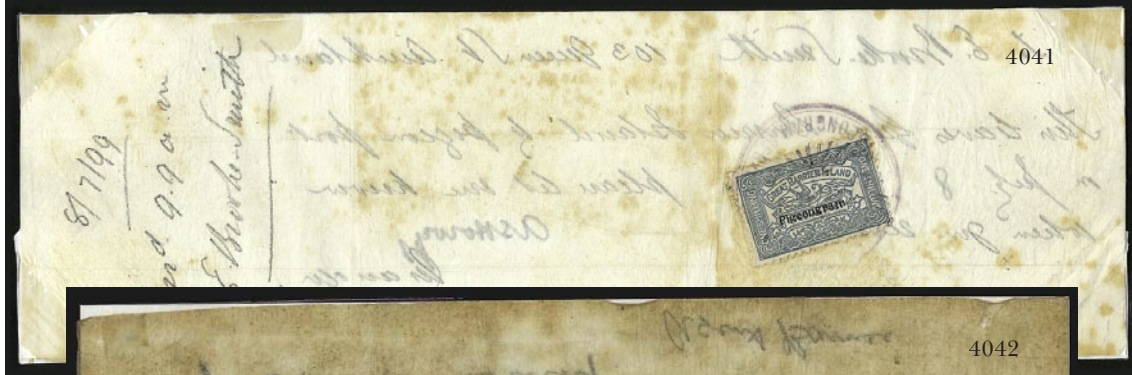
4038

- 4038° (★)田 **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue. Block of four, unused (no gum), small thin at top**  
 VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE PIGEONGRAM OVERPRINT.  
 Only 960 issued and approximately 160 were used. Accompanied by a photograph of the block of four that was part of the Fitzgerald collection now in the British Museum. There are no known sheets of the Third Issue. A rare block. .... E. 5,000-7,500

- 4039° **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by two strikes of violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) cancel on small piece of flimsy, stamp with single toned corner perf tip, still Extremely Fine, an outstanding example of this scarce stamp in used condition, of the 960 printed, only about 160 were used, with 1971 R.P.S. certificate ..... E. 1,500-2,000



4039



4040 ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by light violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) cancel on 197 x 67mm flimsy with printed “503” in corner, pencil message **written entirely in the hand of agent A.S. Howe and signed by him** reads “To E. Brooke Smith 103 Green St. Auckland. This message leaves Great Barrier Island by pigeon post on July 7th, 1899 at 3PM. Please let me know when it reaches you.” A. Howe, Manager, Great Barrier.”, receipt docketing states “7/7/99, Arrived 4:25PM E. Brooke-Smith”, accompanied by printed receipt with “one” crossed out and “ten” written in ms. and signed by Mr. Brooke-Smith, flimsy with light toning

VERY FINE. A RARE TEST FLIGHT TO DETERMINE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MESSAGE TRANSMISSION.

A second test appears in the next lot..... E. 4,000-5,000

4041 ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by light violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) cancel on 224 x 70mm flimsy, pencil message **written entirely in the hand of agent A.S. Howe and signed by him** reads “To E. Brooke Smith 103 Green St. Auckland. This message leaves Great Barrier Island by pigeon post on July 8 at 8AM. Please let me know when you receive it. A.S. Howe, Manager, Great Barrier”, receipt docketing states “8/7/99, arrd at 9 AM E. Brooke-Smith”, flimsy with light toning

VERY FINE. A RARE TEST FLIGHT TO DETERMINE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MESSAGE TRANSMISSION.

With 1972 R.P.S. certificate..... E. 4,000-5,000

4042 ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by light violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) and “Copyright” cancels on 200 x 78mm flimsy, datelined 12th August 1899 and pencil message **written entirely in the hand of agent A.S. Howe and signed by him** reads “Mr. Meacham, Auckland, This message leaves the Barrier at 7:30 AM today.”, accompanied by printed receipt with “one” crossed out and “two” written in ms. and signed by Mr. Meacham, flimsy with heavy toning

VERY FINE. A RARE TEST FLIGHT TO DETERMINE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MESSAGE TRANSMISSION WITH STAMP TIED BY THE COPYRIGHT CANCEL.

With undated R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate..... E. 4,000-5,000

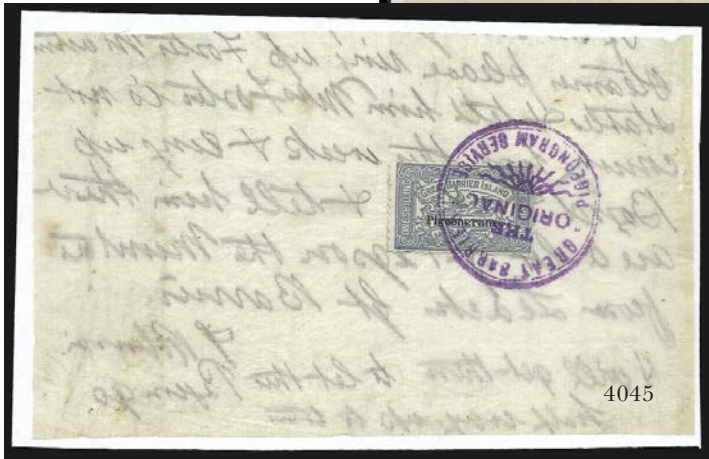


4043

4043° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by unlisted lighty struck violet and black "Auckland N.Z. Barrier 8 Jul. 1899" double oval datestamp on 203 x 82mm flimsy, message reads "Mr. Graham, Auckland, Kindly renew my insurance. Bilkington"

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE NEW EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE OF THE THIRD SERVICE ISSUE.

According to Walker (p.54), the stamps were issued on July 7, 1899. It is unlikely this date will be superseded..... E. 4,000-5,000



4044

4044° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by well-struck violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service" (Ty. 3) cancel and "copyright" handstamp on 160 x 148mm flimsy with two line violet Ty. 2 cancel in corner to Mr. H. Tourdain, Symond Str. Auckland with message cut off at bottom

VERY FINE. A VERY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE THIRD ISSUE TIED BY THIS COMBINATION OF CANCELS.

According to Walker, the "copyright" cancel is seen only with the Type 4 cancel. If Walker did list this, it would have to be as Type 3a. Also of interest is the Type 2 cancel in the top right corner. This may have been an early attempt by the Service at using printed flimsies. Walker only reports three types of flimsies used by the service — blank and two with different printed letterheads.

With 1964 P.F. certificate..... E. 4,000-5,000

4045° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pigeongram Overprint, Third Issue.** Tied by boldly struck violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service" cancel (Ty. 3) on 134 x 83mm piece of flimsy written entirely in the hand of Whangaparapara agent T. Robinson and signed by him

EXTREMELY FINE. A SCARCE PIGEONGRAM WITH THE SIGNATURE OF AGENT T. ROBINSON.

Robinson took over the duties as agent at Whangaparapara for A.S. Howe in either late 1899 or early 1900. With undated R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate..... E. 2,000-3,000

FOURTH ISSUE



4046



4048 Detail

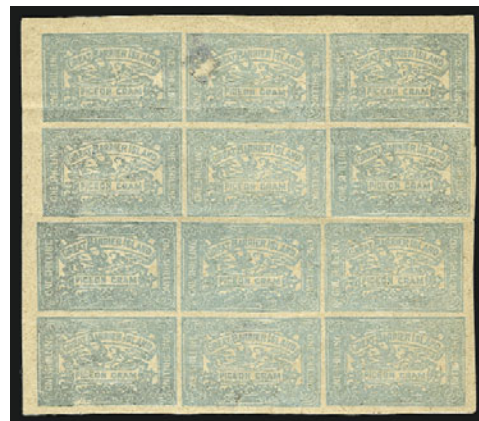
- 4046°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Original gum, small h.r., light horizontal crease, otherwise Fine ..... E. 50-75
- 4047°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Six, each from different plate position, four original gum, h.r., two unused (no gum), also incl. reprint made from original plate, in mounts on exhibit page, Fine .....*Not illustrated* E. 400-500
- 4048° **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 16 Jul. 1901" (Ty. 5) oval datestamp on part of flimsy, Fine ..... E. 100-150



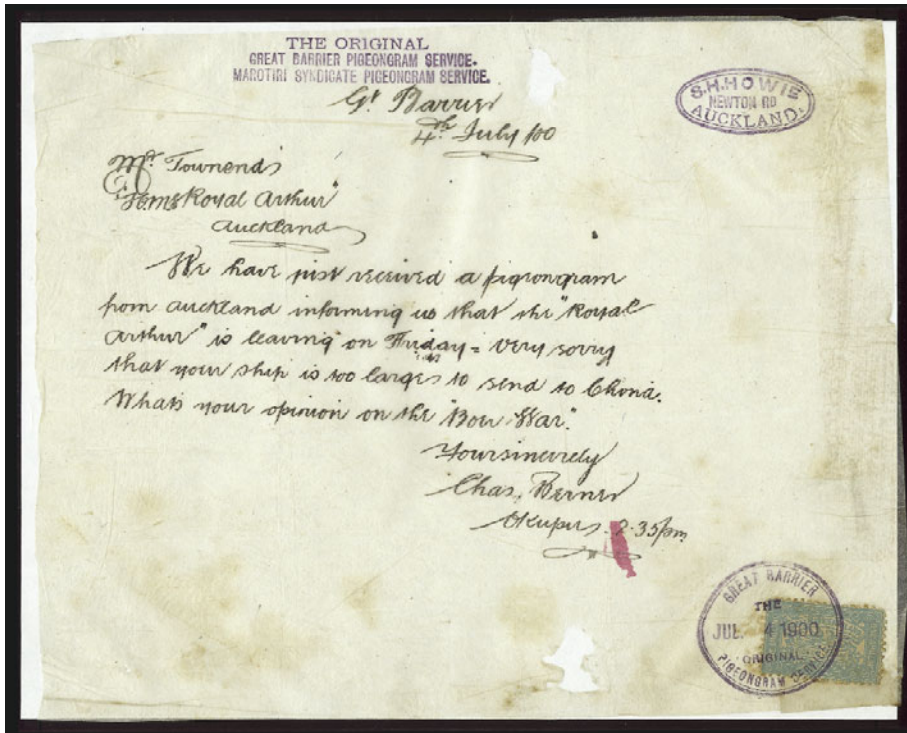
4049

- 4049°★田 **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Sheet of twelve, original gum, heavy hinge reinforcing, selvage on two sides and above two stamps at top, Fine, a scarce sheet ..... E. 1,500-2,000

- 4050°★田 **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Imperforate, Fourth Issue.** Complete sheet of twelve, original gum, defective incl. crude repair at top center
- FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE UNIQUE IMPERFORATE PANE OF THE FOURTH SERVICE ISSUE.
- Illustrated in Walker (p.55) with repair visible. One of the great rarities of Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post philately. .... E. 7,500-10,000



4050

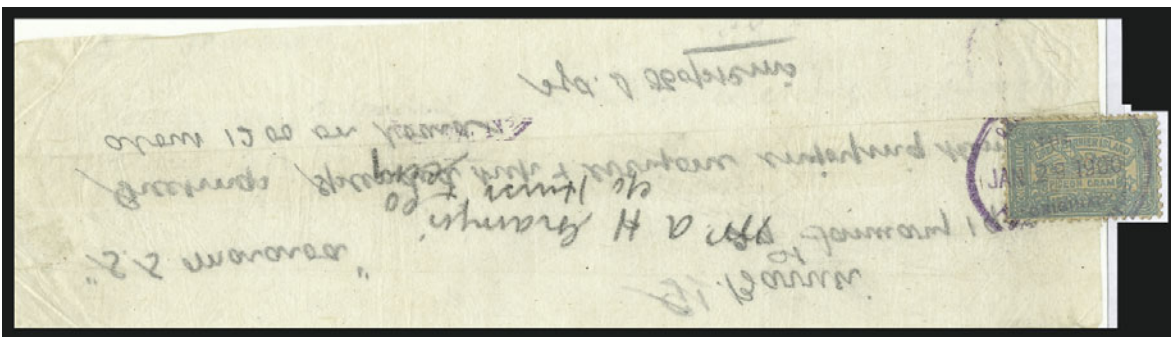


4051

4051 ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Jul. 4, 1900" (Ty. 4) circular datestamp on 210 x 168mm flimsy with three-line handstamp (Walker form 5, Bofarull cancel S.7.) and bold "S.H. Howie, Newton Rd. Auckland" handstamp cachets at top, datelined "Gt. Barrier 4th July 1900" and reads "Mr. Townsend Toms Royal Arthur, Auckland. We have just received a pigeongram from Auckland informing us that the "Royal Arthur" is leaving on Friday. Very sorry that your ship is too large to send to China. What's your opinion on the "Boer War"? Yours sincerely, Chas. Berner, Okupu 2:35PM."

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE FOURTH ISSUE ON A PIGEONGRAM.

The stamps are usually found on the reverse. This example with the stamp on the front is unusual. .... E. 2,000-3,000

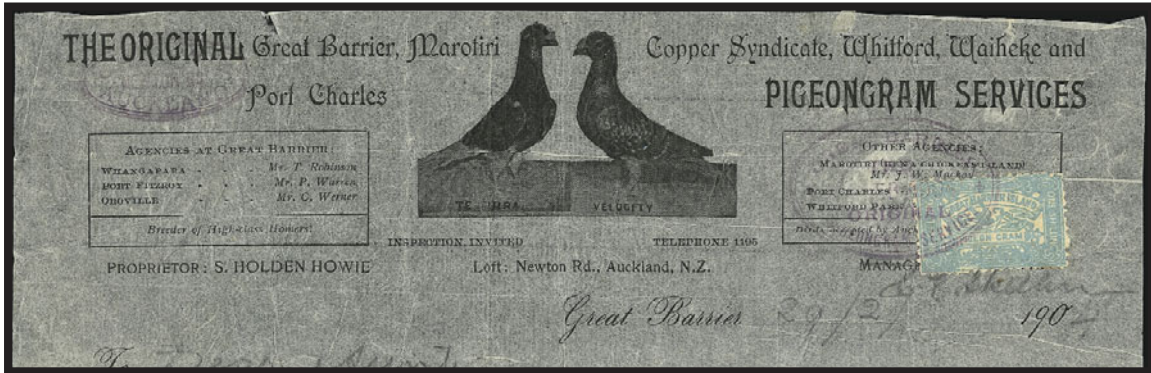


4052

4052 ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by clear violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Jan. 29, 1900" (Ty. 4) circular datestamp on 207 x 65mm flimsy datelined "S.S. Mararoa" and message reads "Greetings. Splendid trip and everyone enjoying themselves. About 1200 on board Sgt. I. Hopkins"

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE PIGEON POST SENT FROM SHIP TO SHORE.

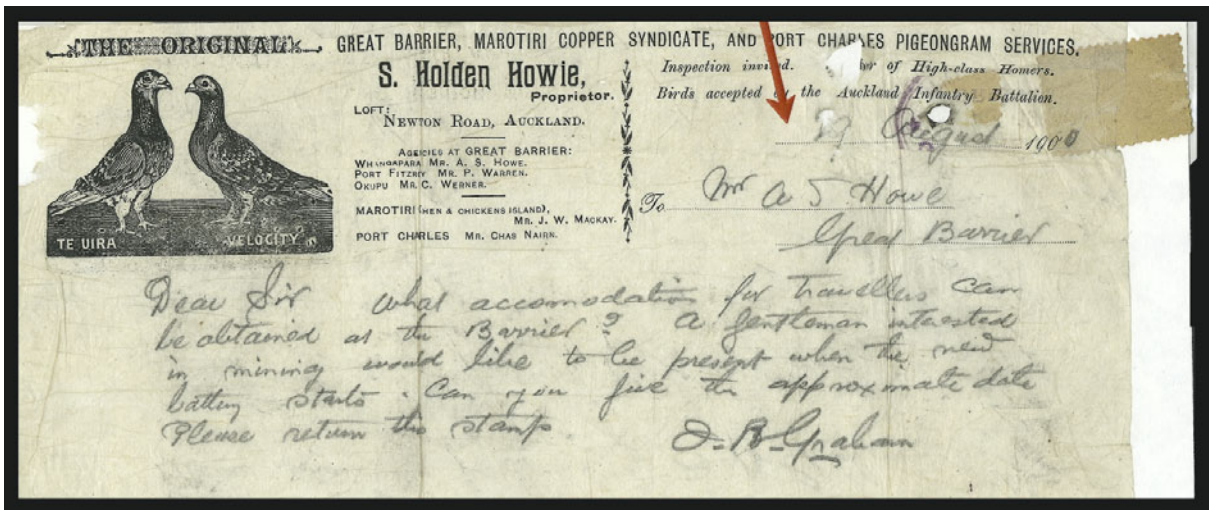
Jan. 29, 1900 was "Auckland's Anniversary Day" and the S.S. Mararoa was part of the celebration. Ex. Cole. With 1980 R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate ..... E. 3,000-4,000



4053

4053° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by neatly struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 29 Feb. 1904” (Ty. 5) oval datestamp on 220 x 320mm printed flimsy (Form No. 4), violet S.H. Howie receiving handstamp at top left, with original cover with printed Pigeongram Service corner card at top to **London**, violet Pigeongram Service backstamp, cover with central vertical file fold  
 EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE PIGEONGRAM FLOWN BY PIGEON TO AUCKLAND AND SENT ON TO LONDON.

The Pigeongram Service paid the postage from Auckland to London..... E. 2,000-3,000

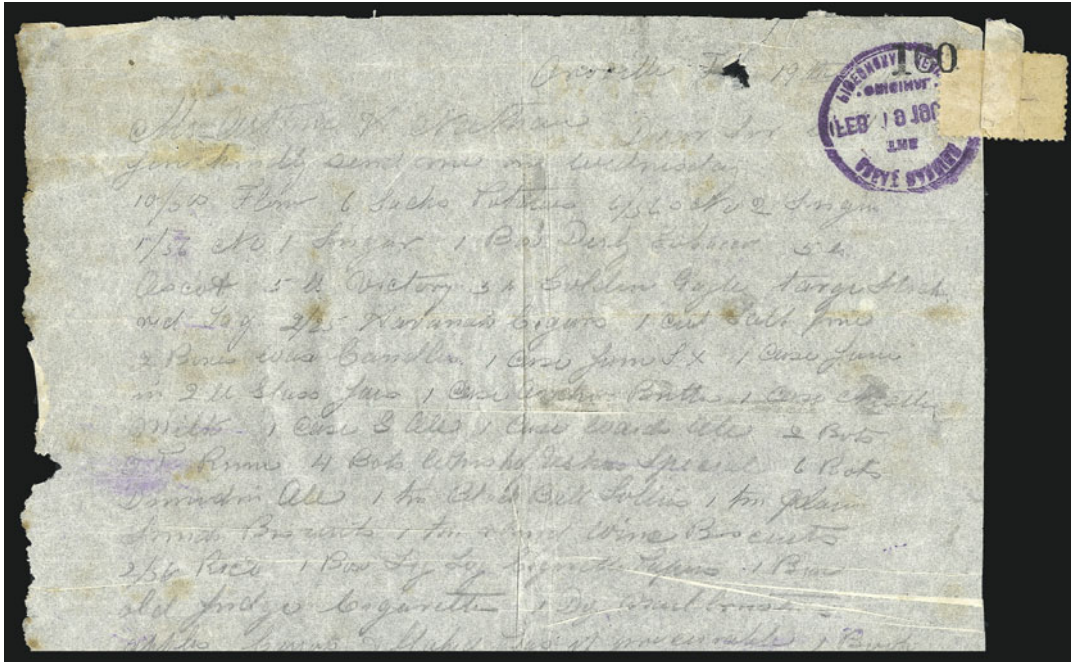


4054

4054° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 29 Aug. 1900” (Ty. 6) oval datestamp on 210 x 155mm printed flimsy (Form No. 2) from **Auckland to A.S. Howe, Great Barrier Island**, stamp with small faults

VERY FINE. THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW FLIMSIES KNOWN FROM AUCKLAND TO THE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND CARRIED BY THE SERVICE.

The sender asks Mr. Howe about accommodations for a gentleman interested in mining and for Mr. Howe to return the stamp. Illustrated in Walker (p.78)..... E. 4,000-5,000



4055

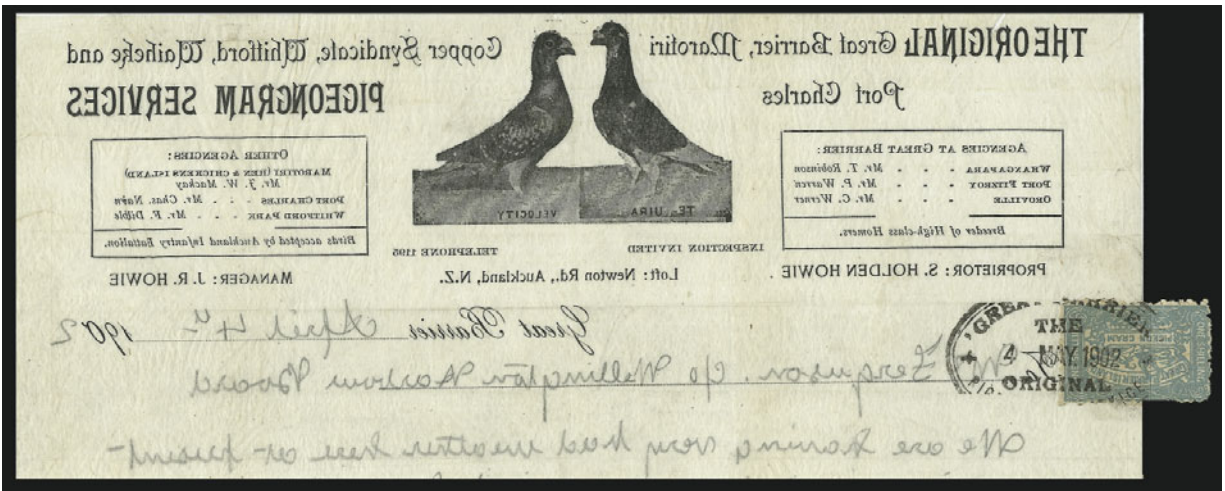
4055° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Feb. 19, 1900” (Ty. 4) circular datestamp on 260 x 210mm flimsy with bold “160” at top right, datelined “Oroville Feb. 19, 1900” **written entirely in the hand of agent C. Werner**, who had started as an agent in Okupu and soon thereafter relocated to Oroville, contents request supplies from Mr. Nathan, stamp with small fault from placement on flimsy, flimsy with usual faults, still Very Fine and presentable ..... E. 1,500-2,000



4056

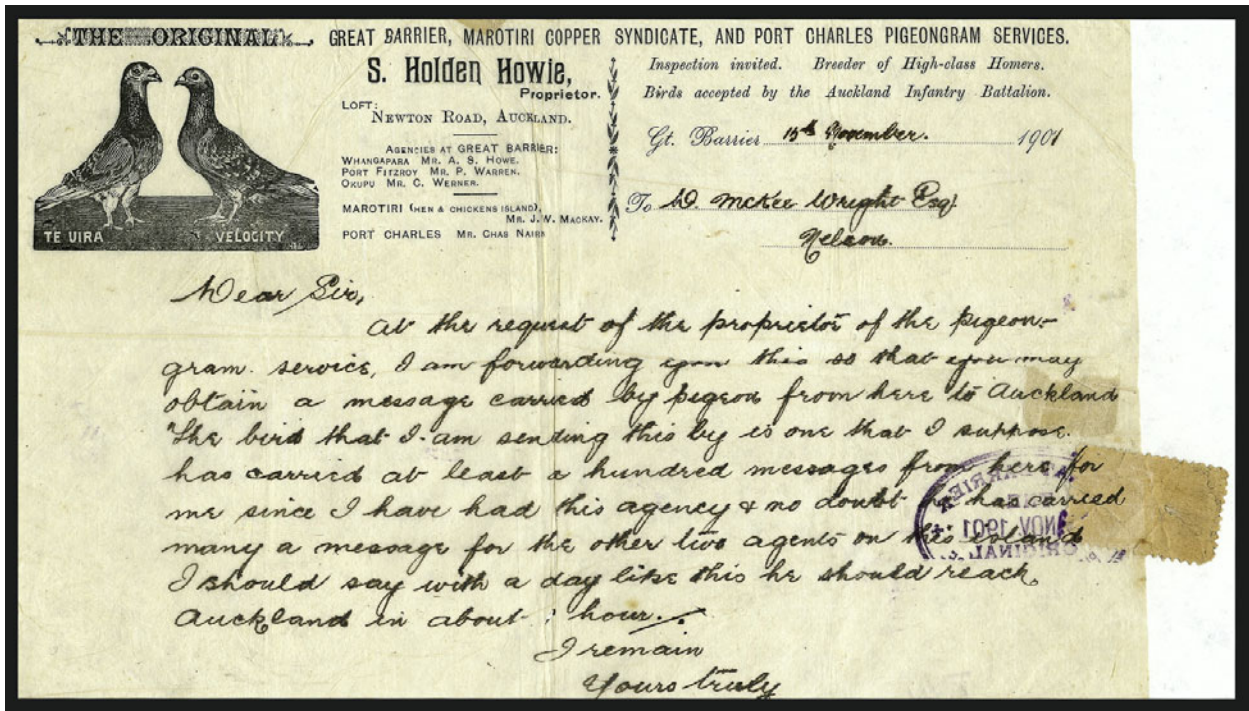
4056° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 18 Sep. 1900” (Ty. 6) oval datestamp on 220 x 130mm printed flimsy (Form No. 3) to S.H. Howie in Auckland **written entirely in the hand of agent C. Werner**, Extremely Fine, illustrated in Walker (p.57).... E. 1,500-2,000





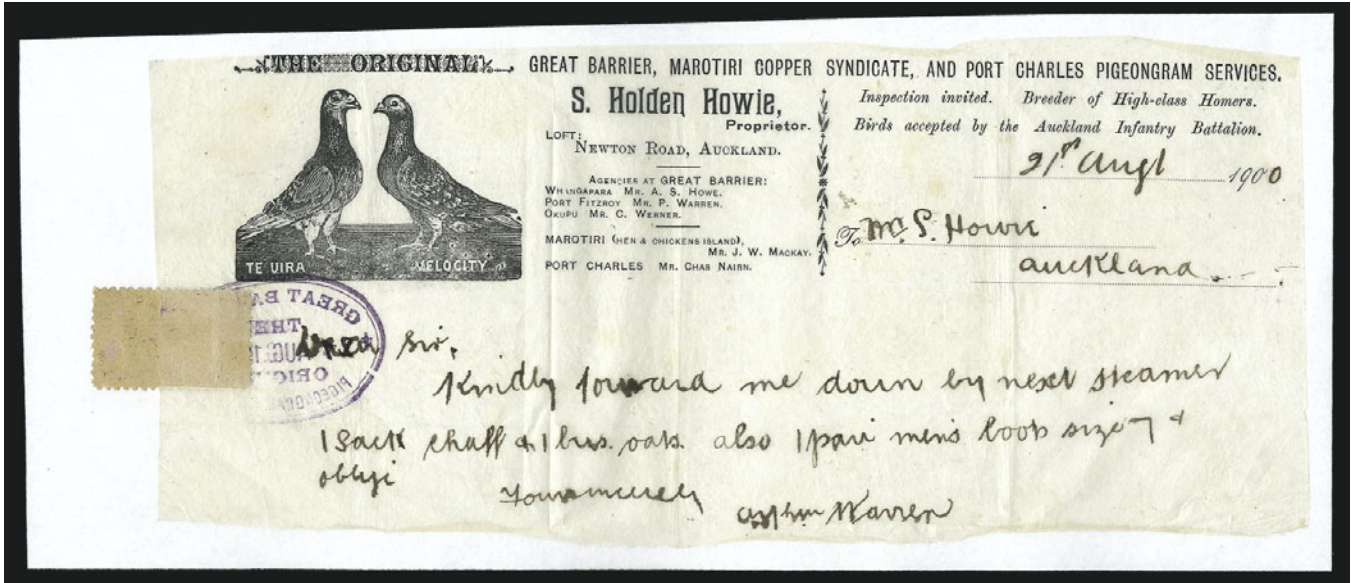
4057

4057° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck black “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 4 May 1902” (Ty. 6) oval datestamp on 213 x 167mm printed flimsy (Form No. 4) datelined “May 4, 1902” **written entirely in the hand of agent T. Robinson and signed by him**, stating in part “We are having very bad weather here at present . . . so bad it does not permit our feathered postmen from doing their duty...”, Extremely Fine, scarce with a black cancel..... E. 1,500-2,000



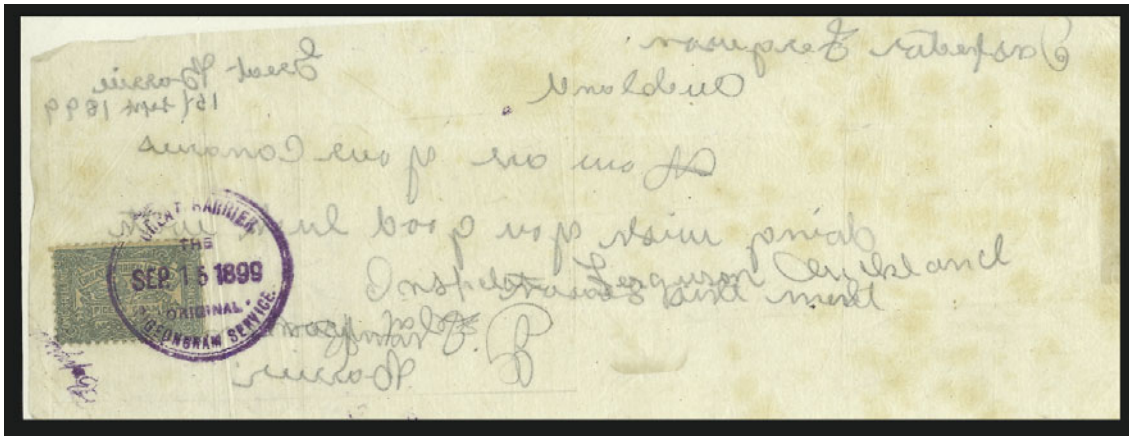
4058

4058° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by well-struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 15 Nov. 1901” (Ty. 5) oval datestamp on 220 x 273mm printed flimsy (Form No. 3), **written entirely in the hand of Port Fitzroy agent P. Warren and signed by him**, contents read “Dear Sir, At the request of the proprietor of the pigeongram service, I am forwarding you this so that you may obtain a message carried by pigeon from here to Auckland. The bird that I am sending this by is one that I suppose has carried at least a hundred messages from here for me since I have had this agency and no doubt he has carried many a message for the other two agents on this island. I should say with a day like this, he should reach Auckland in about 1 hour. I remain Yours truly, Philip Warren.”, stamp with small faults, otherwise Very Fine, violet Trubys at bottom left..... E. 1,000-1,500



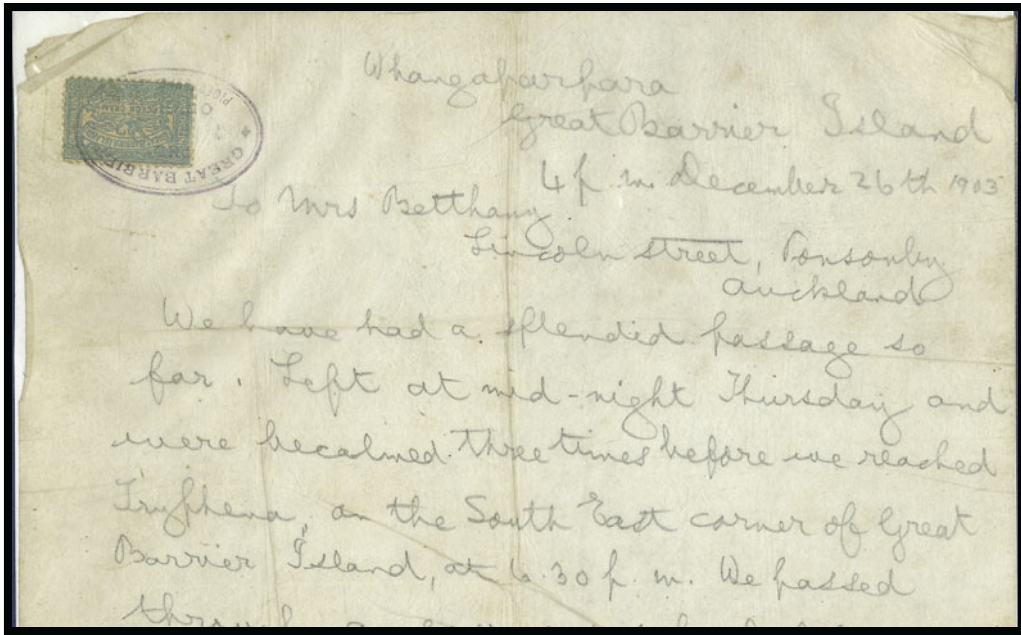
4059

4059° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by perfectly struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 21 Aug. 1900” (Ty. 6) oval datestamp on 217 x 95mm printed flimsy (Form No. 2) **written entirely in the hand of agent P. Warren**, to Mr. Howie requesting supplies, Extremely Fine..... E. 1,000-1,500



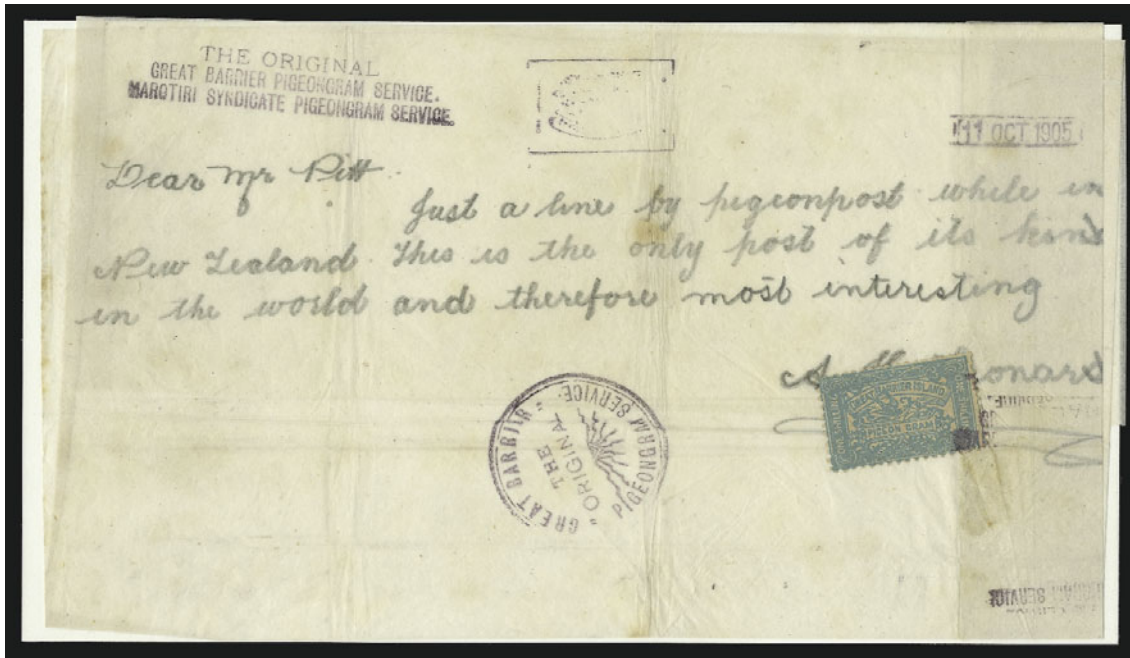
4060

4060° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by well-struck violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Sep. 15, 1899” circular datestamp and “Copyright” (Ty. 4a) handstamp on 205 x 80mm flimsy to Inspector Ferguson, Auckland, message reads “How are your canaries doing? Wish you good luck with them this season. J. Thompson, Barrier”, flimsy with usual light toned areas, still Extremely Fine, illustrated in Walker (p.77) as the example of this cancel..... E. 1,000-1,500



4061

4061° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by lightly struck violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 26 Dec. 1903" (Ty. 5) oval datestamp on 220 x 285mm flimsy datelined "Whangaparapara, Great Barrier Island, 4 PM December 26th, 1903", with original stampless cover with Service imprint at top used to deliver pigeongram once received in Auckland, cover with faults, pigeongram with creases, otherwise Very Fine ..... E. 2,000-2,500



4062

4062° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by violet "The Original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Marotiri Syndicate Pigeongram Service" (Ty. 7) three-line cancel on 225 x 300mm flimsy with clear strike of Ty. 3 cancel, three-line handstamp (Walker Form No. 5, Bofarull cancel No. S.7.), boxed pictorial handstamp of the Service's first issue and boxed "11 Oct. 1905" cancel of the competing Pigeongram Agency, contents read "Just a line by pigeonpost while in New Zealand. This is the only post of its kind in the world and therefore most interesting."

EXTREMELY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING USAGE OF THE PIGEONGRAM SERVICE FOURTH ISSUE. This is a very late Great Barrier Island pigeon post usage. .... E. 2,000-3,000

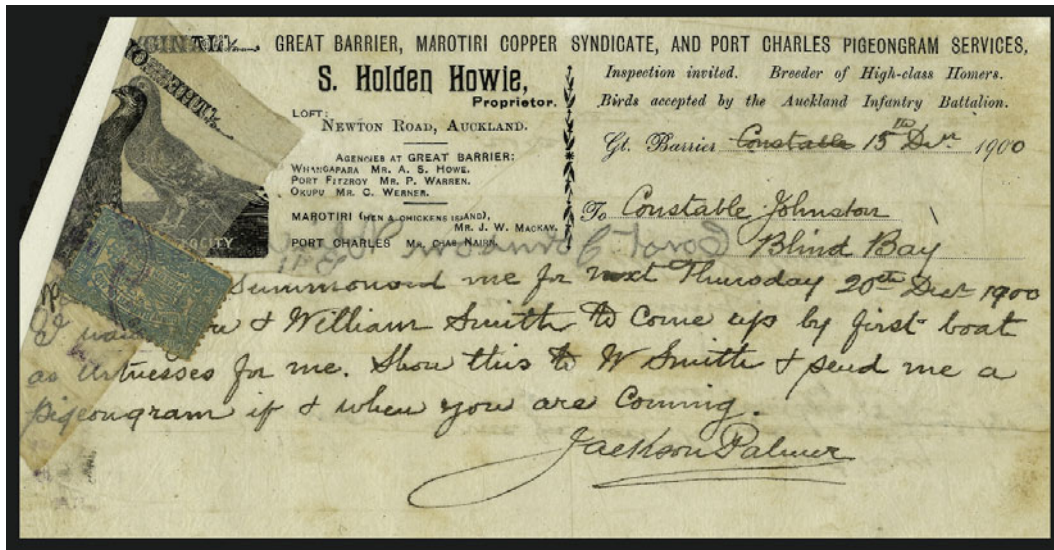


4063

4063°✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 3) circular datestamp on 220 x 158mm flimsy with second strike at right and three-line handstamp (Walker Form No. 5, Bofarull cancel No. S.7.) datelined “Whangaparapara Feb. 24th, '05” flimsy with light toning

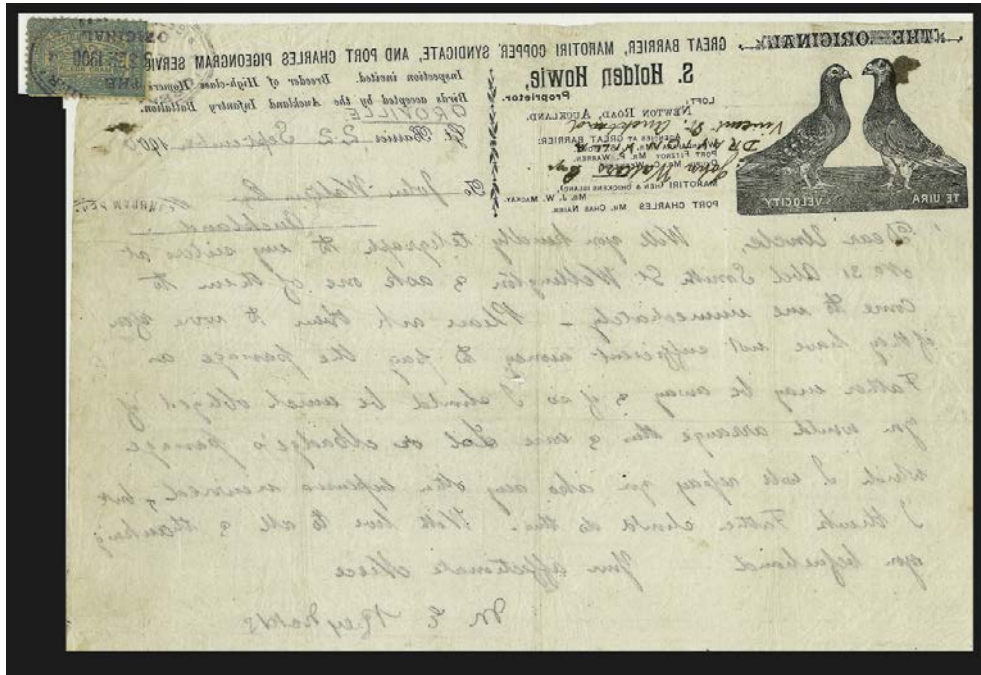
FINE. A LATE USAGE OF THE PIGEONGRAM SERVICE FOURTH ISSUE.

Very few dispatches with stamps exist after 1904..... E. 2,000-3,000



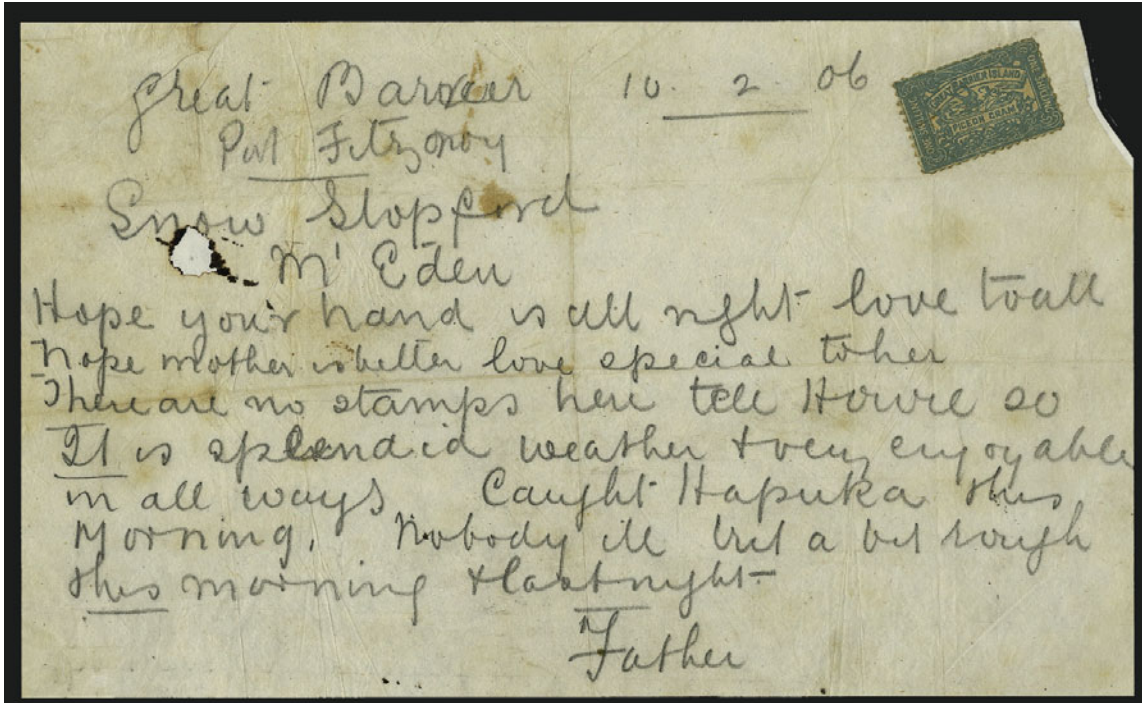
4064

4064°✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service” (Ty. 6) oval datestamps on 220 x 131mm printed flimsy (Form No. 4) datelined “15th Dec. 1900” from Auckland to Blind Bay (Okupu), sender asks Constable Johnston to come with William Smith to the mainland to serve as witnesses on his behalf, stamp with small faults, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage from Auckland to the Great Barrier Island ..... E. 1,000-1,500



4065

4065° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Tied by light violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service 23 Sep. 1900" (Ty. 6) oval datestamp on 220 x 165mm printed flimsy (Form 2) from Oroville to Auckland, flimsy with tiny ink stain at top left, otherwise Very Fine ..... E. 1,000-1,500



4066

4066° ☒ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Pigeongram, Fourth Issue.** Uncancelled on 230 x 150mm flimsy to which it does not belong, datelined "Port Fitzroy 10.2.1906" to Mt. Eden, with original cover with Service Ty. 3 cancel in black and two strikes of two-line handstamp on back, cover exploded for display and with large tear thru Ty. 3 cancel, flimsy with light toned spots, otherwise Fine ..... E. 400-500

MAROTIRI PIGEONGRAM OVERPRINT



4067

4067°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** With sheet margin at left, Stereo 6, original gum, small h.r., pencil note on gum and small violet "F.J. Field" backstamp do not show thru, Fine..... E. 750-1,000

4068°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Original gum, lightly hinged, barest trace of usual gum toning at top, otherwise Fine ..  
..... E. 750-1,000



4068



4069

4069°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Stereo 5, small part original gum, rich color, well-centered on bright white paper, tiny natural inclusion, Extremely Fine ..... E. 500-750

4070°★ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Original gum, small gum toned spots at edges and small diagonal crease at top right, Fine..... E. 500-750



4070



4071

4071°(★) **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Stereo 4, unused (no gum), tiny thin spot at bottom, appears Fine ..... E. 500-750

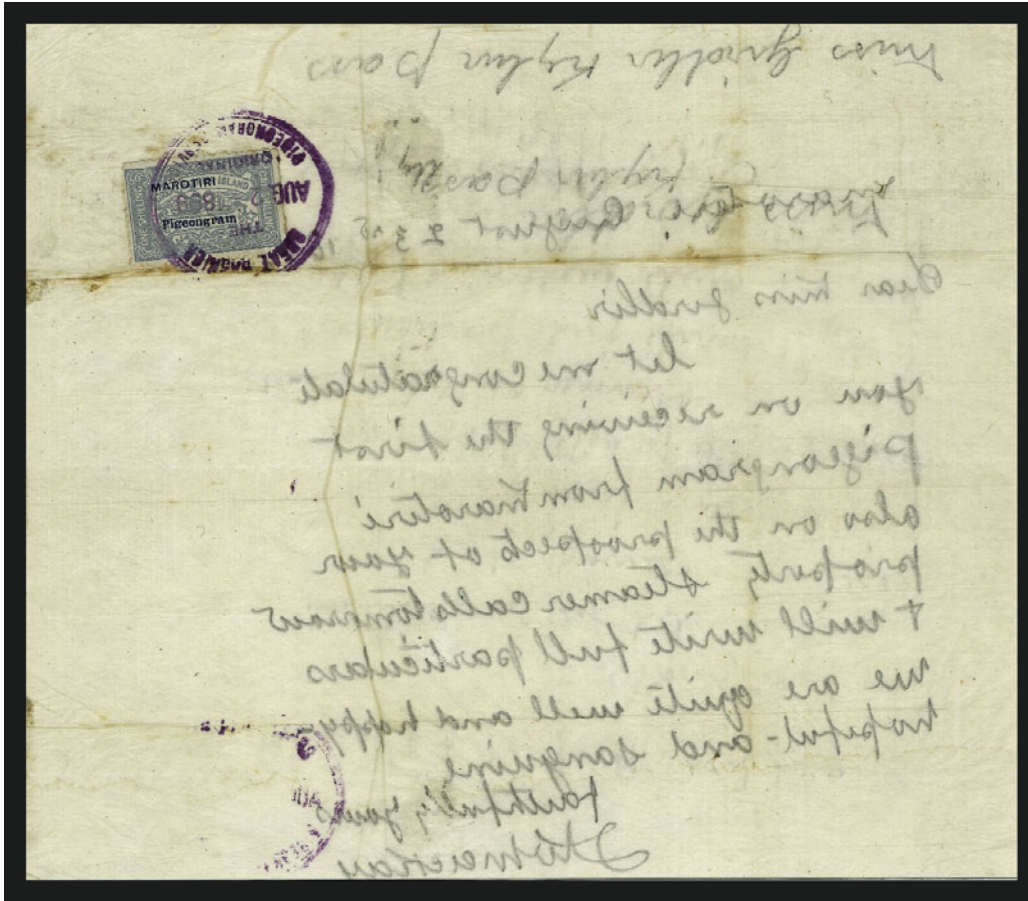


4072

4072°(★)田 1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint. Complete pane of twelve with full top right corner selvage, unused (no gum), small repair in top selvage

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED SURVIVING SHEET OF THE TWENTY THAT WERE OVERPRINTED FOR MAROTIRI.

According to Walker, the need for a pigeon post on the remote island of Marotiri arose when the Marotiri Copper Syndicate began mining copper on the island. While a new issue was being prepared, panes of the Second Issue (without overprint) were sent by the Service to the island to be overprinted for provisional use. The Service's decision to send the unoverprinted Second Issue stamps is an enigma, because there were ample supplies of the Third and Fourth Issues available. One explanation is that the Service wished to use up the remaining supply of Second Issue sheets with the "Special Post" title that offended New Zealand postal authorities. .... E. 15,000-20,000



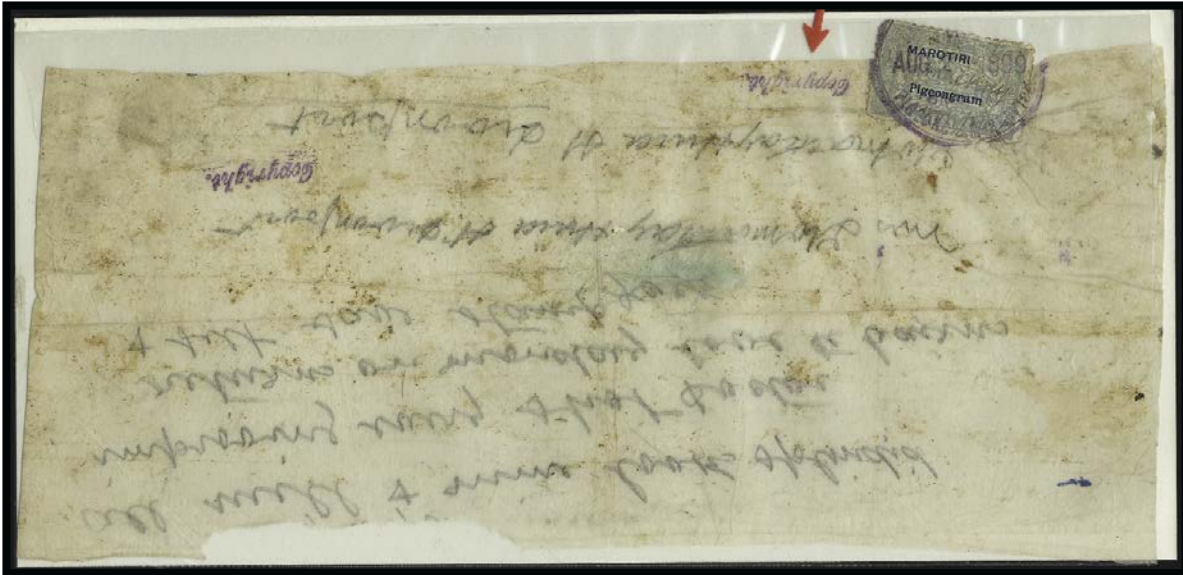
4073

4073° ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Tied by clear violet "The 'Original' Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Aug. 24, 1899" (Ty. 4) **First Day** circular datestamp on 200 x 185mm flimsy, message **written entirely in the hand of agent J.W. Mackay** reads "Dear Miss Girdler, Let me congratulate you on receiving the first pigeongram from Marotiri also on the prospects of your property. Steamer calls tomorrow and will write full particulars. We are quite well and happy-hopeful-and sanguine. Faithfully yours, J.W. Mackay"

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE MAROTIRI PIGEON POST STAMP USED ON A FLIMSY. THIS IS THE UNIQUE FIRST DAY USAGE.

With undated R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate ..... E. 20,000-30,000





4074

4074<sup>o</sup> ✉ **1899, 1sh Pale Blue, Marotiri Pigeongram Overprint.** Tied by clear violet “The ‘Original’ Great Barrier Pigeongram Service Aug. 26, 1899” circular datestamp with two strikes of “Copyright” (Ty. 4a) on 214 x 91mm flimsy, stamp with small faults

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE MAROTIRI PIGEON POST STAMP USED ON A FLIMSY AND THE UNIQUE USAGE WITH THE “COPYRIGHT” CANCEL.

With 1981 R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate ..... E. 20,000-30,000

MAROTIRI ISLAND ISSUE



4075

4075°P **1899, Marotiri Island Proofs.** Four imperforate on thin wove paper incl. two in Dull Red (originally a horizontal pair) and two in Black (originally a vertical pair), each stamp size, three with sheet margins on two sides and one with sheet margin on one side

EXTREMELY FINE. THESE ARE THE ONLY PROOFS OF THE ONE-SHILLING MAROTIRI ISLAND ISSUE KNOWN TO PHILATELY.

According to Walker, these proofs were first offered in the Robson Lowe auction of Dec. 13, 1967 as intact pairs. Illustrated in Walker (p.69-70) as intact pairs. ... E. 1,500-2,000



- 4076°(★) **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** Unused (no gum), rich color, perfectly centered, two small thins at top, appears Extremely Fine..... E. 100-150
- 4077°★ **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** Six from different plate positions, original gum, lightly hinged or small h.r., most with small thin spot, also incl. reprint made from original plate, in mounts on exhibit page, otherwise Fine .....*Not illustrated* E. 500-750
- 4078° **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** Bold violet double oval cancel, defective, otherwise Fine, rare in used condition ..... E. 500-750
- 4079° **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** Tied by bold black Marotiri Island double oval cancel on small piece of flimsy, three pulled perfs at top right, otherwise Extremely Fine, **only three known with a black oval cancel**, with 1988 and photocopy of 1987 Campbell Paterson certificates ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 4080° **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** Three light black cancels in capital letters, incl. “LED” of “Cancelled” and “ION”, light vertical crease, appears Fine, illustrated in Walker (p.74), these cancels have not been seen on a flimsy and thus are of questionable authenticity, sold “as is” ..... E. 500-750



4081

4081° ★田 1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island. Complete sheet of six with **four sheet margins** incl. huge bottom selvage, original gum, hinge reinforced perf separations at top center and two h.r. in top selvage, other four stamps and three sides of selvage Mint N.H., few tiny traces of gum toning and small thin in bottom margin do not detract, otherwise Very Fine and very scarce..... E. 1,000-1,500

4082° ★田 1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island. Complete sheet of six with **four sheet margins**, original gum, extensively rejoined, hinged on small white piece for exhibition purposes, otherwise Fine, very few sheets are known with sheet margins on four sides, with undated R.P.S. of New Zealand certificate ..... E. 750-1,000



4082



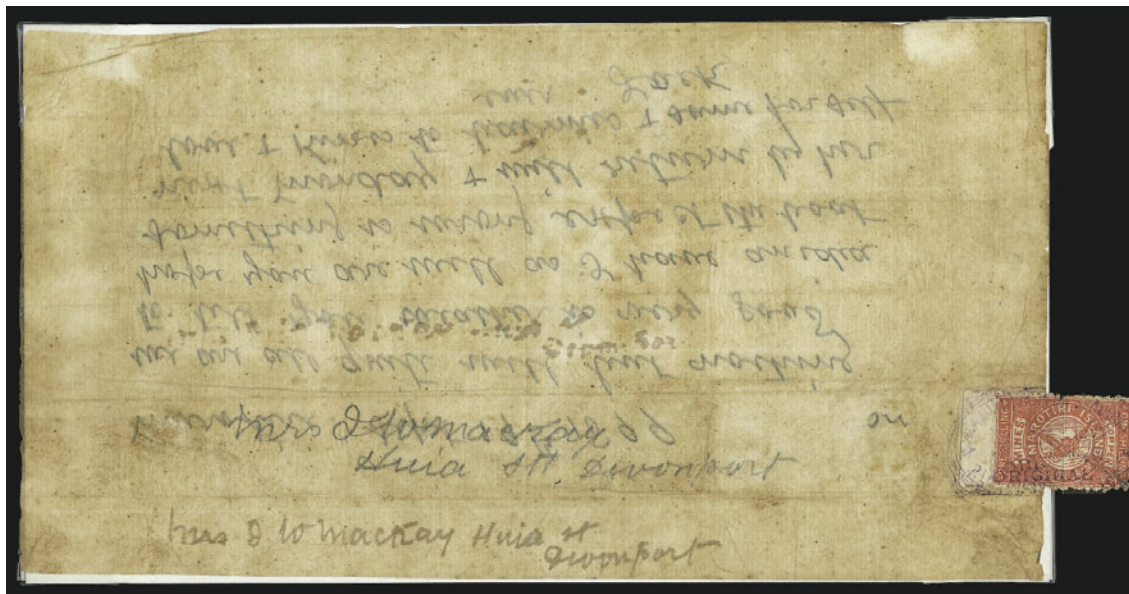
4083

4083° ★田 1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island. Block of six with sheet margin at right, center pair Mint N.H., other four original gum incl. top right stamp small h.r., top and bottom left stamps with small faults, appears Fine-Very Fine..... E. 400-500

4084° ★田 1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island. Two unused panes of six and single, panes of six incl. one with original gum and selvage on three sides and other without gum and selvage on two sides, latter with light creases, single without gum and with Sanabria backstamp, in mounts on exhibit pages to show different stereotypes and flaws in design, Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 1,000-1,500



4084EX



4085

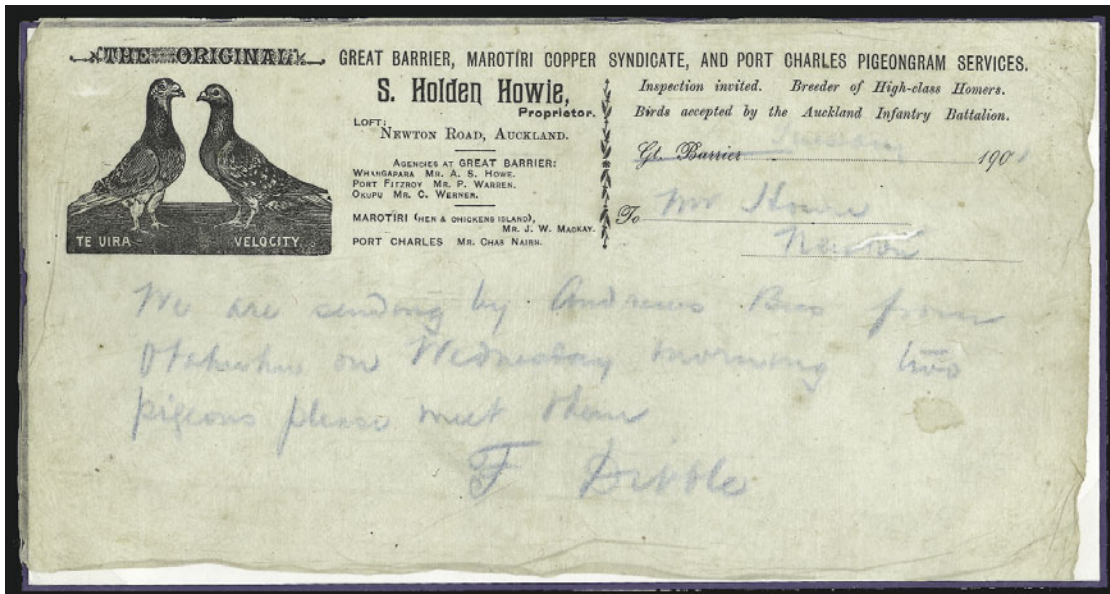
4085° ☒ **1899, 1sh Red, Marotiri Island.** With sheet margin at left, tied by multiple overlapping strikes of violet “Marotiri Copper Syndicate Island The Original Pigeongram Service 81 Sep 1899” double oval cancel with “18” reversed on 207 x 113mm flimsy, **message written entirely in the hand of agent J.W. Mackay** and reads “We are all quite well but nothing to tell you. Weather is very good. Hope you are well as I have an idea something is wrong. Expect the boat next Monday + will return by her. Love + kisses to Larmies + some for self. Jack.”, stamp with faults and flimsy with overall toning

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN FLIMSY WITH THE MAROTIRI STAMP. A GREAT RARITY.

The stamp was issued on Sept. 15, 1899, and the operation closed in early 1900. This Sept. 18 usage is a very early one. According to a footnote in Walker (p.66), no examples were known on a flimsy.

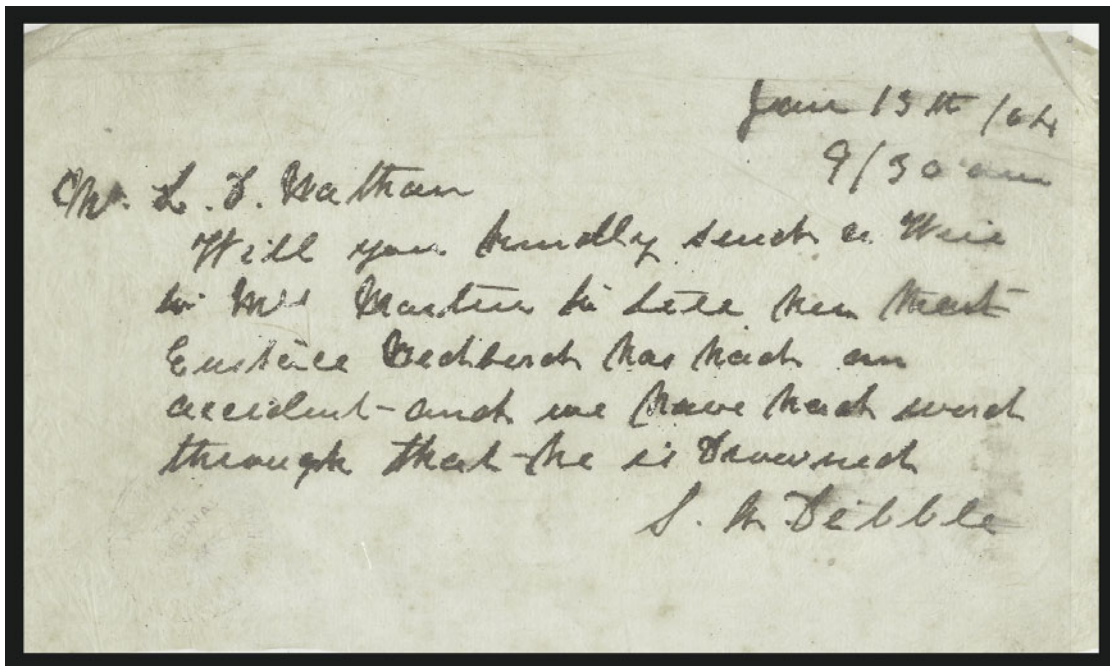
With undated New Zealand R.P.S. certificate ..... E. 20,000-30,000

MISCELLANEOUS PIGEONGRAM SERVICE ITEMS



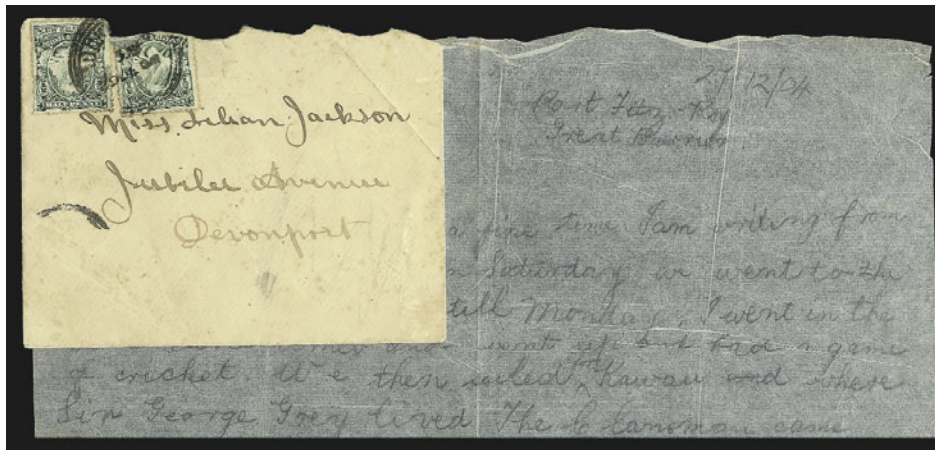
4086

4086° ☒ **Pigeongram from F. Dibble to S.H. Howie in Newton.** On Service's Ty. 2 flimsy, reduced, dated 1901, light toning, Fine, Dibble was the Service's agent in Whitford and operated from Mr. Nathan's Ostrich Farm..... E. 1,000-1,500



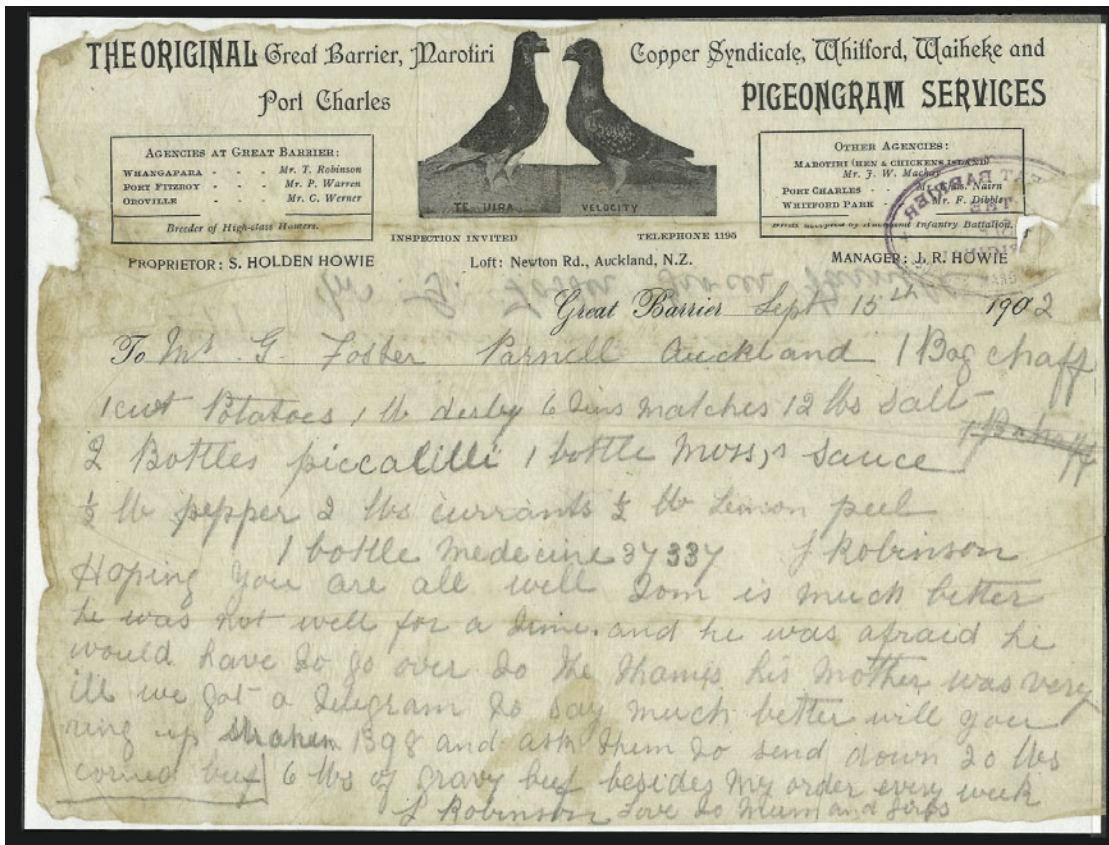
4087EX

4087° ☒ **Three Flimsies from S.A. Dibble to L.D. Nathan.** Each stampless with Service Ty. 3 cancel requesting supplies, one 1903 and other two 1904, former with small holes in flimsy from pen, otherwise Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000



4088 Detail

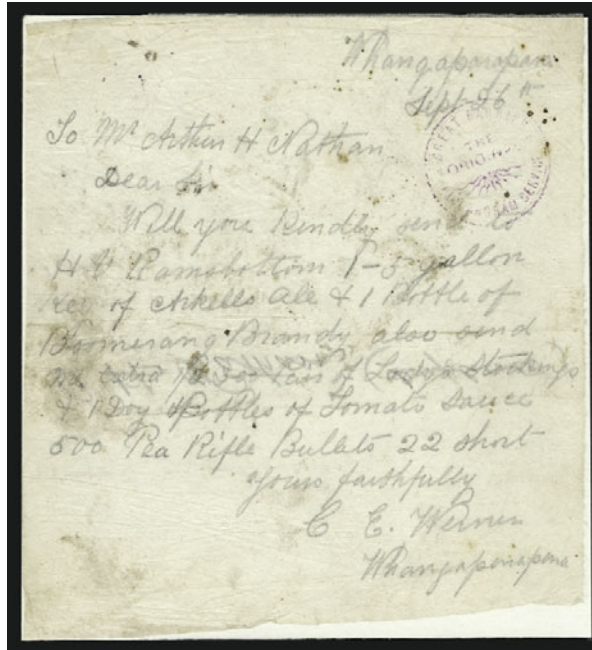
4088° ☒ **Port Fitzroy to Davenport New Zealand.** 230 x 148mm flimsy datelined Dec. 27, 1904, from Port Fitzroy to Davenport with original cover sending pigeongram from Auckland office to Davenport, cover franked by two New Zealand 1/2d Green stamps, Service Ty. 3 cancel and Davenport receiving circular datestamp on back, roughly opened at top affecting one stamp, flimsy with defective 1sh Fourth Issue stamp with Ty. 3 cancel and fake Agency Ty. 4 cancel affixed but obviously does not belong, otherwise Fine..... E. 1,000-1,500



4089

4089° ☒ **Pigeongram from Whangaparapara.** Stamp removed, violet "Great Barrier The Original Pigeongram Service 15 Sept. 1902" (Ty. 5) double oval datestamp, on flimsy (Walker Ty. 4a) with message written entirely in the hand of agent T. Robinson and signed by him asking for supplies, flimsy with small edge faults, otherwise Fine ..... E. 750-1,000

4090° ☒ **Whangaparapara to Whitford.** Stampless 148 x 162mm flimsy written by agent C.E. Werner to Mr. Arthur H. Nathan asking for supplies, violet "Great Barrier The 'Original' Pigeongram Service (Ty. 3) cancel dated Sept. 26, Extremely Fine ... E. 300-400



4090

4091° **Termination of the Whitford Service.** Typed letter datelined March 28th, 1904 from L.D. Nathan to S.H. Howie and signed by Nathan, letter with Nathan & Co. printed corner card at top left, contents read "Dear Sir, Please note on and after the end of this month we shall not be running the Pigeon service between here and Whitford, as the Government have established telephonic communication with that place. Kindly inform us if you are prepared to take over our birds at their cost, or can you suggest what we had best do with them. Awaiting your early reply. We remain, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, L.D. Nathan", usual folds, Very Fine .....  
.....Not illustrated E. 200-300

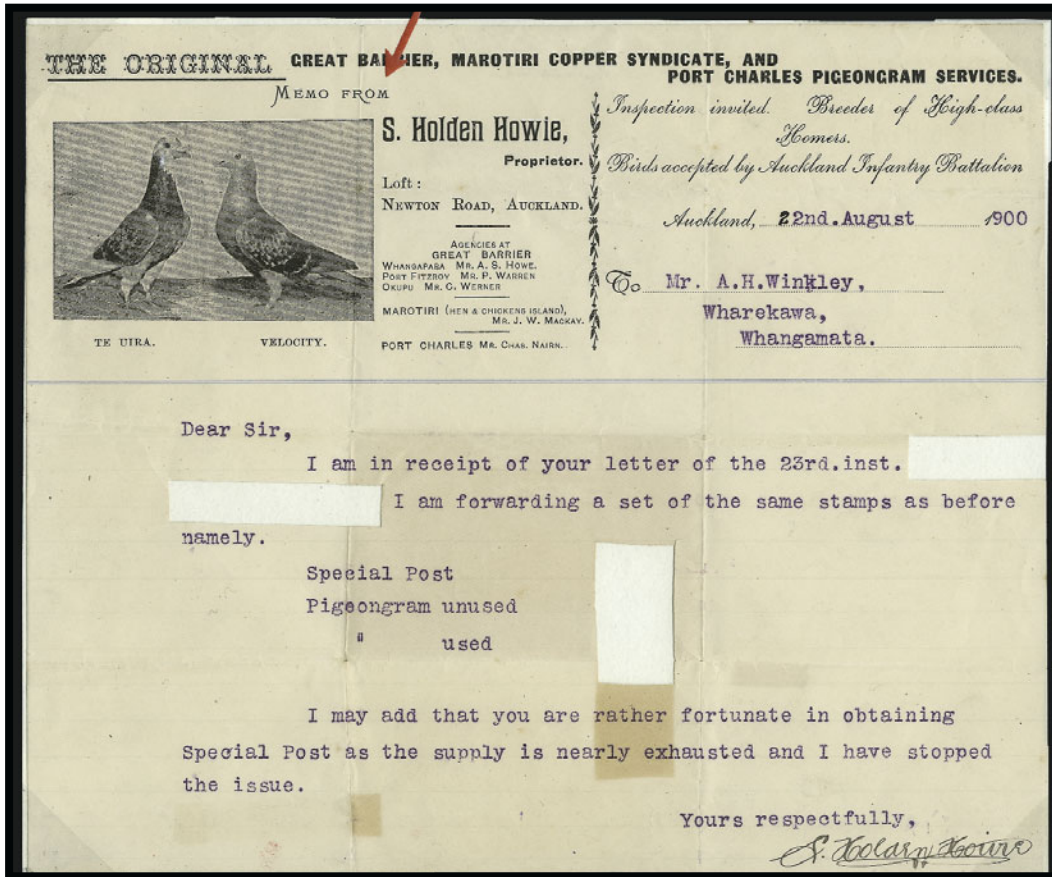
4092° **The Original Pigeongram Service Pigeons Used by the Press.** Letter from an Auckland Star reporter assigned to cover a military exercise by the Auckland Infantry Battalion carried by the Original Pigeongram Service, four statement-size pages, bottom of fourth page with Ty. 3 cancel, usual creases, otherwise Fine, the service's birds were used by the Battalion .....Not illustrated E. 750-1,000

4093° **The Original Pigeongram Service, Envelopes, Labels and Forms.** Twelve items incl. two envelopes used by the service to forward messages received in Auckland to their destinations, four different labels for baskets containing pigeons to be trained with instructions to release the birds at a particular area for them to return to Auckland, three different labels for baskets containing pigeons sent by Mr. Howie to agents, a printed form for Mr. Howie in Auckland to record the arrival of the pigeons, and three "Birds Absent Forms" with two unused and one used, in mounts on seven exhibit pages, Fine-Very Fine.....  
.....Not illustrated E. 750-1,000



4094EX

4094° **Service Receipts.** Two with one dated 5th July 1898 and other dated 17th July 1898, the former is the earliest known usage, two vertical creases incl. one ending in small tear at top and small toned spots, latter with vertical crease at left and rough left edge, otherwise Fine-Very Fine .....  
.....(Photo Ex) E. 500-750



4095

4095° ✉ **The Service's Commercial Stationery.** 208 x 173mm, with a typed message and **signed by proprietor S. Holden Howie** to Wharekawa, Whangamata, datelined Auckland, 22 August 1900, sending two unused and one used stamp, message with three small neat rectangular cutouts of unknown logic, otherwise Very Fine, illustrated in Walker (p.79) as the example of the Service's commercial stationery ..... E. 1,000-1,500

4096° **Letter from the Governor of Samoa.** Letter in German dated Feb. 19, 1901 thanking Mr. Howie for sending him carrier pigeons, also incl. letter in English from William Bulow dated Apr. 20, 1903 informing Mr. Howie that the governor sent him the pigeons due to the poor health of the inhabitants and asks Mr. Howie to dispose of the pigeons, file folds, English letter with small hole, otherwise Fine-Very Fine.....  
.....*Not illustrated* E. 300-400

4097° ★ **The Original Pigeongram Service Balance.** Eleven items comprising second and fourth issue stamps, second issue incl. normal single and single with plate flaw, both with original gum, used single with socked-on-the-nose Type 4a cancel with "Copyright", and used single tied by Ty. 3 cancel on small piece, fourth issue incl. single and block of four, both with original gum, used single affixed to internal memo from Port Fitzroy to Howie, also incl. 1899 bill from printers Wilson & Horton for printing 4,650 stamps in blue on gummed paper, letter from the Orphan Home Trust Board to Mr. Howie thanking him for communicating by pigeongram the safe arrival of the children on a trip to the Great Barrier Island, 1968 reprint sheet of second, fourth and Marotiri Island issues, and flown flimsy with Ty. 3 cancel, in mounts on six exhibit pages, Fine-Very Fine .....  
.....*Not illustrated* E. 1,000-1,500



GREAT BARRIER PIGEONGRAM AGENCY

4098°★ **1899, 6p Blue, 1sh Red.** Original gum, 6p with slight disturbance at bottom, 1sh small h.r., small thin and two toned perfs, otherwise Extremely Fine, 1sh with Sanabria backstamp....  
 .....(Photo Ex) E. 50-75



4098EX



4099

4099°★田 **1899, 6p Blue.** Complete sheet of twenty, slightly disturbed original gum, mostly lightly hinged or h.r., two stamps with small faults, otherwise Fine-Very Fine, of the 500 sheets printed, only a few remain — a very rare complete sheet..... E. 750-1,000



4100

4100°(★)田 **1899, 6p Blue.** Reconstructed part sheet of nineteen (easy to complete) with full selvage at right, incl. irregular block of seven and right margin block of three, stamps without gum, two stamps and margin with small faults, otherwise Very Fine, the full selvage at right proves these were printed in a rectangular format ..... E. 300-400



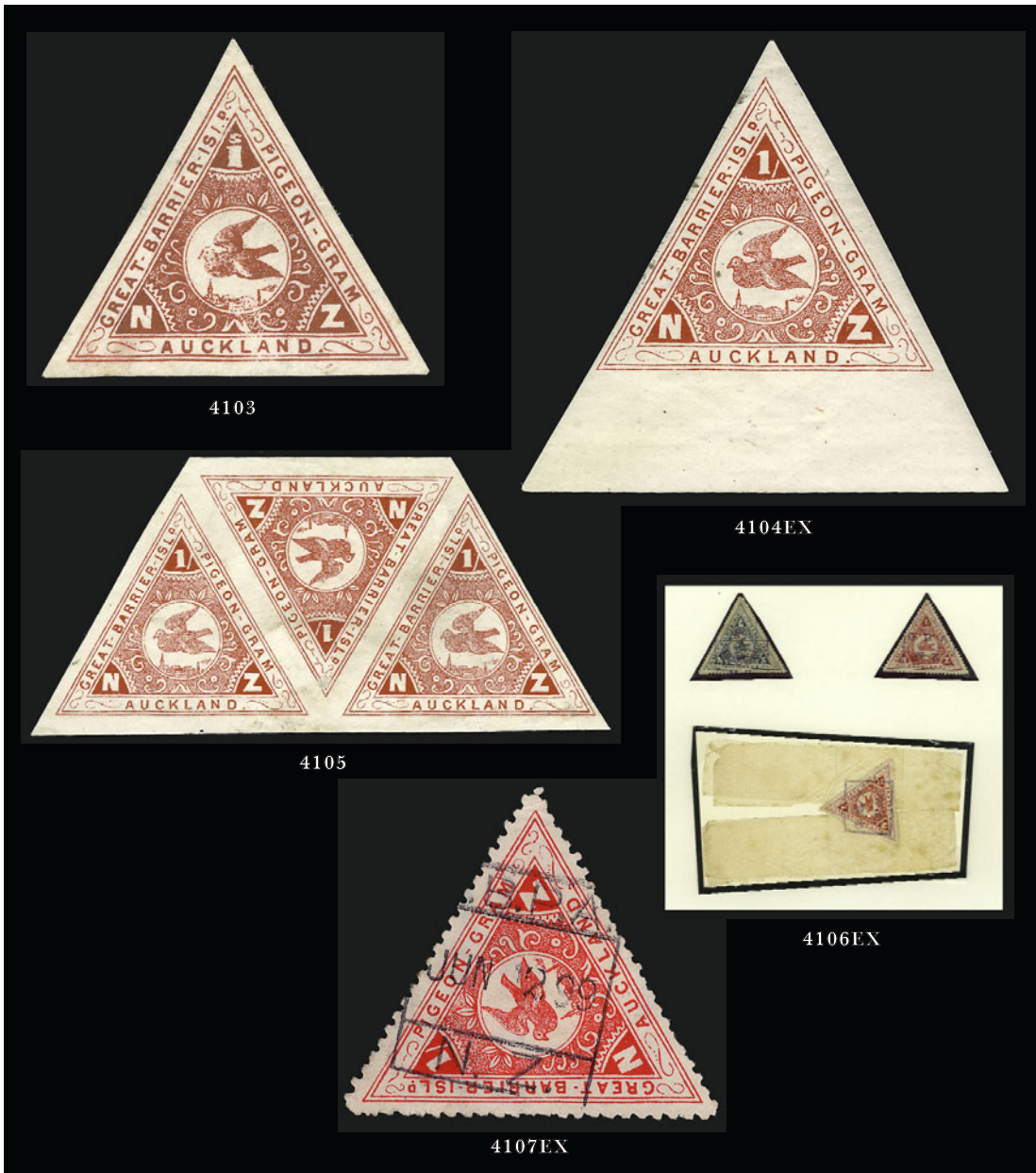
4101

4101°(★) **1899, 6p Blue, Imperforate.** Partly reconstructed sheet lacking only five positions to be complete, unused (no gum), also incl. extra of Pos. 19 (no gum) and extra pair with traces of gum, part sheet comprised of hexagonal block of six, strips of three and five and pair, light soiling and other faults, otherwise Very Fine, because he could plate them, Goodkind believed these were genuine stamps not yet perforated; others believed them to be proofs, but there is no evidence to properly classify them..... E. 400-500



4102EX

4102°(★) **1899, 1sh Red.** Two items, first is Pos. 10 with full corner selvage, **Mint N.H.**, small h.r. in selvage, second is strip of ten with almost complete selvage at side, unused (no gum), one stamp with two scuffs, few perf separations, otherwise Very Fine, also incl. photograph of horizontal gutter block of six, all of which indicate the arrangement of the plate, a schematic accompanies .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000

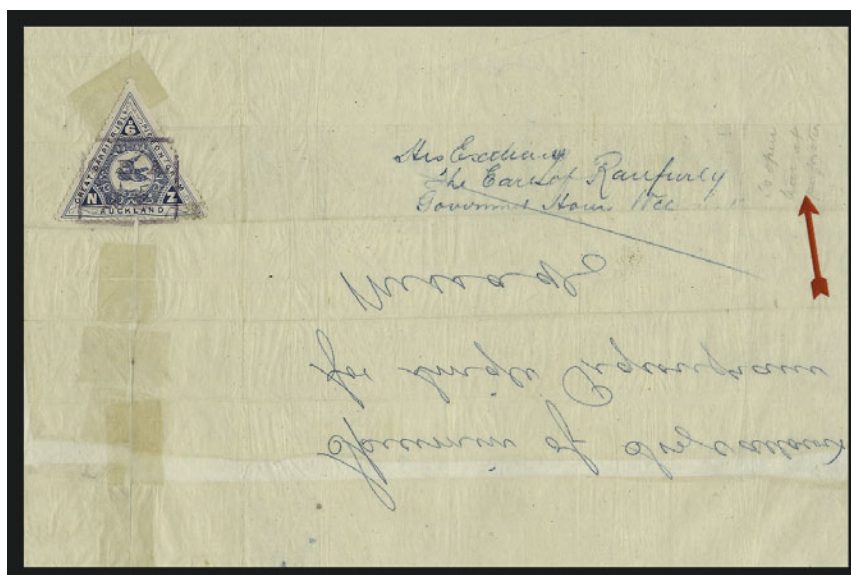


- 4103° E    **1899, 1sh Red, Essay.** Stamp sized, large even margins, differs from design of stamp in denomination, without gum, tiny thin in margin only, Very Fine and probably unique ...  
 ..... E. 750-1,000
- 4104° ★    **1899, 1sh Red, Imperforate.** Three singles, Pos. 4, 7, and 10, incl. two with full to huge margins, original gum, lightly hinged, other with large margins except clipped bottom right corner and part original gum, one with small stains, otherwise Fine-Very Fine.....  
 .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 4105°(★)    **1899, 1sh Red, Imperforate.** Horizontal strip of three, Pos. 3-5, unused (no gum), three large margins, clear at right, traces of soiling and center stamp with small scuff, otherwise Fine, a rare multiple of the 1sh Red imperforate..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 4106°    **1899, 6p Blue, 1sh Red.** Cancellation study, incl. 6p (eight) and 1sh (five), incl. one 6p and two 1sh with Ty. 1 cancels — incl. one 6p with additional ms. 16/7/99 cancel, three each with Ty. 2 cancels and three 6p with Ty. 4 cancels, five on small pieces, few faults not visible on faces, Very Fine appearing group .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 4107°    **Forgeries.** Six items, incl. 6p Blue (single and pair) and 1sh Red Agency stamps with fake Ty. 3 Service cancels, 1sh Red Agency stamp with fake Ty. 2 cancel (cancel dated prior to issue of stamp), crude forgery of 6p Blue Agency stamp and Service Fourth Issue with Service Ty. 3 and Agency Ty. 4 cancels, in mounts on exhibit page, Very Fine.....  
 .....(Photo Ex) E. 200-300



4108

4108° **1899, 6p Blue, 1sh Red.** Two each, with one each tied by bold violet boxed “G.B.A. N.Z.” Ty. 1 two-line cancels and one each tied by bold violet boxed “G.B.A. 14 Jul. 99 N.Z.” Ty. 2 two-line cancels, on small piece with extra strikes between stamps, ms. “1st Cancellation” at top and “Present cancellation” at bottom, Extremely Fine ..... E. 1,000-1,500



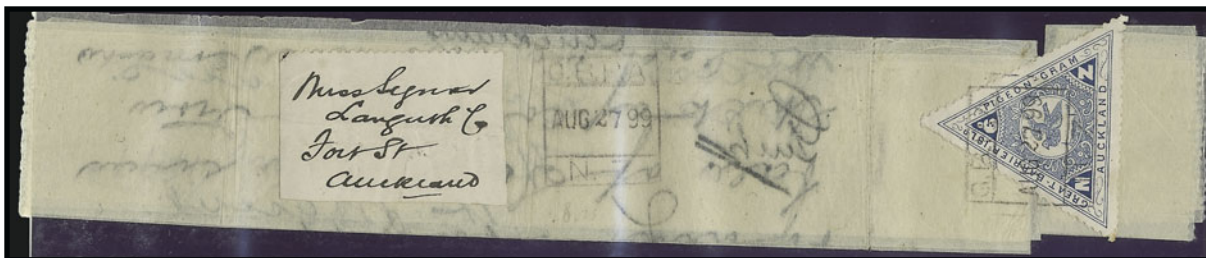
4109

4109°S **1899, 6p Blue.** Tied by boxed violet “G.B.A. N.Z.” (Ty. 1) cancel on **Specimen for undated and unflown 213 x 273mm flimsy addressed to “His Excellency, The Earl of Ranfurly, Government House”,** message reads “Specimen of Size allowed for Single Pigeongram Message”, small ms. opening instructions at right, flimsy with right tab removed and reattached by hinges at left

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE UNIQUE FLIMSY SPECIMEN ADDRESSED TO THE EARL OF RANFURLY.

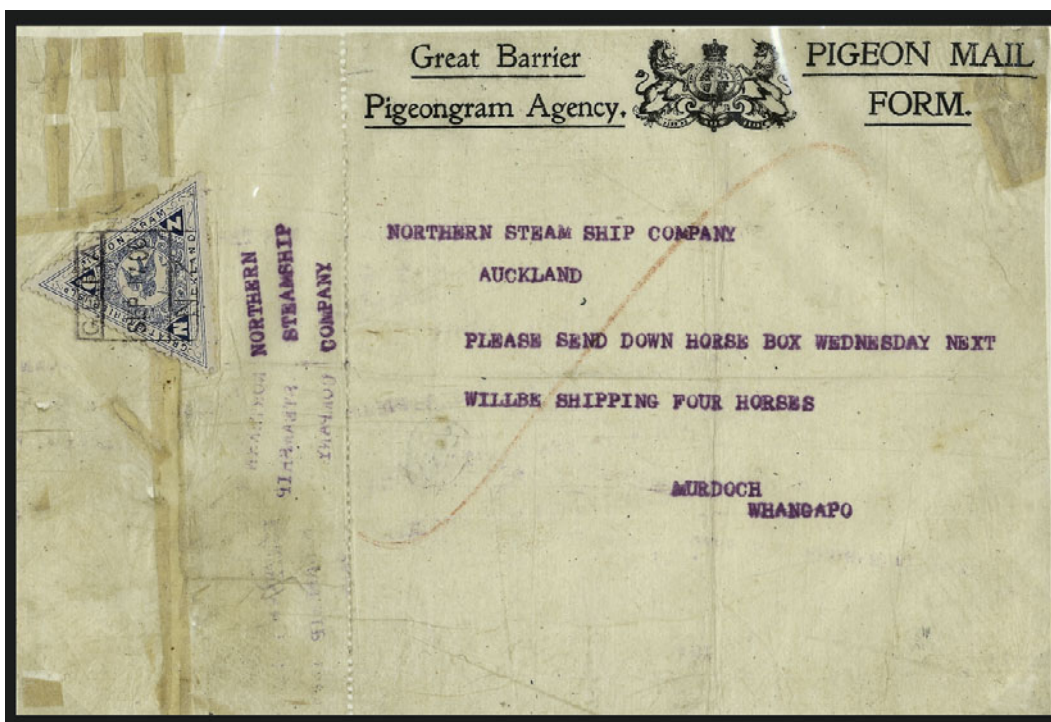
The Earl was the largest patron of the Agency, and authorized it to use his Royal Arms on their flimsies.

There are four reported examples of the Ty. 1 cancel on flown flimsies. E. 2,000-3,000



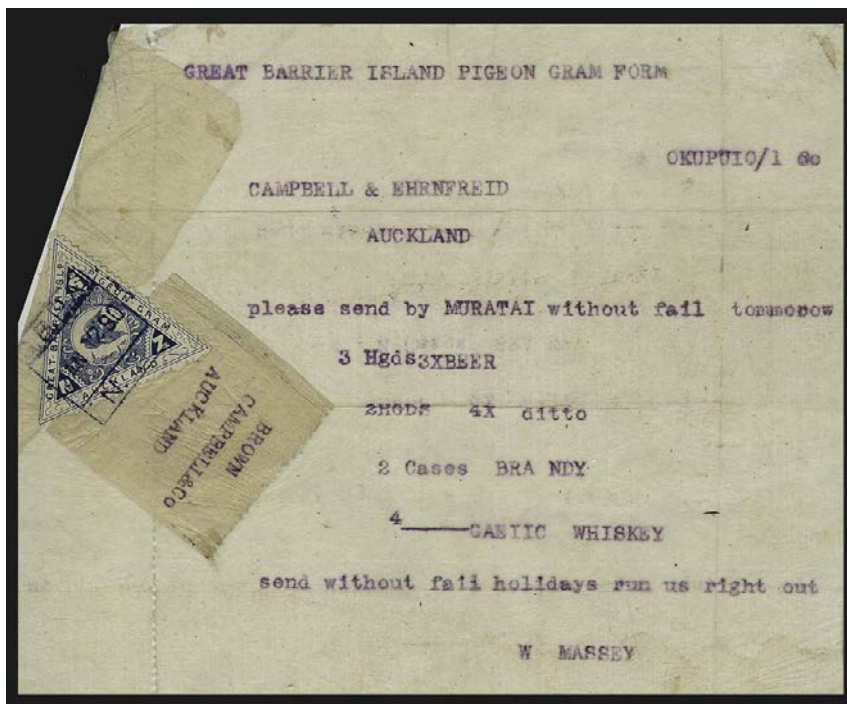
4110

4110°✉ **1899, 6p Blue.** Tied by boxed violet "G.B.P.A. Aug. 27, 99 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on folded plain flimsy to Auckland, stamp with toned bottom left corner and creased bottom right corner, right flap removed and reattached, otherwise Very Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.72) ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4111

4111°✉ **1899, 6p Blue.** Tied by boxed black "G.B.P.A. Sep. 17, 00 N.Z." cancel on slightly reduced Ty. 3 flimsy to the Northern Steamship Co. in Auckland, right flap removed and reattached at left, light red crayon stroke, Very Fine ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4112

4112° ⊠ **1899, 6p Blue.** Tied by boxed violet "G.B.P.A. Jan. 12 90 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on plain flimsy from Okapu to Auckland with typed message, right flap removed, interesting error in year date (should be "00"), Very Fine..... E. 2,000-3,000



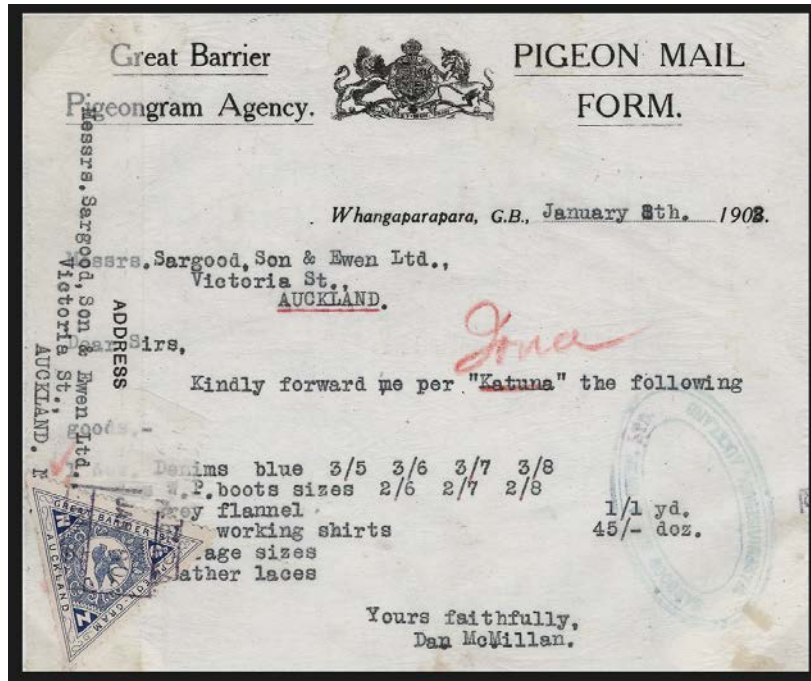
4113

4113° ⊠ **1899, 6p Blue.** Boxed blue "G.B.P.A. 10 May 99 N.Z." (Ty. 3) cancel on plain flimsy from Karangahake to Oroveille, one side flap removed, stamp with faults, flimsy with light toning, otherwise Fine, very rare with a blue cancel..... E. 2,000-3,000



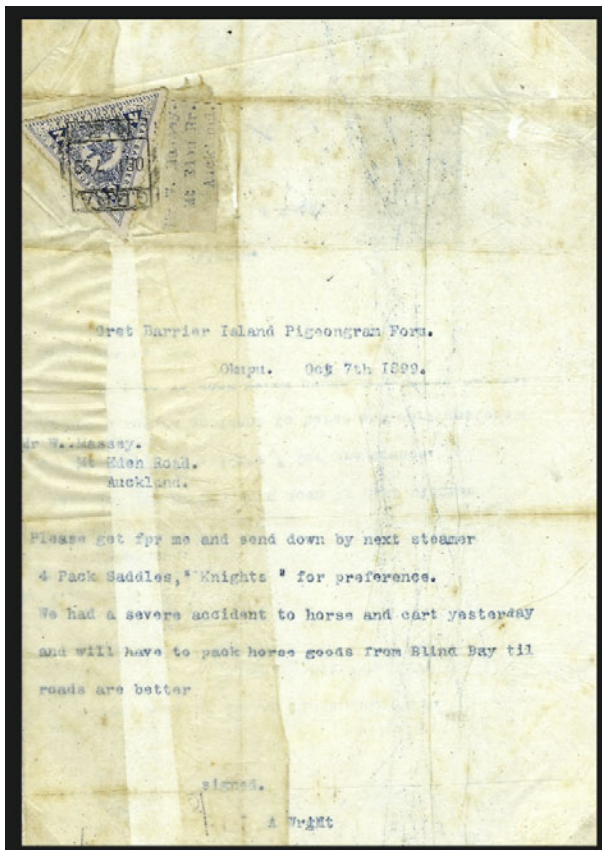
4114

4114° 1899, 6p Blue. Tied by perfectly struck boxed blue "G.B.P.A. 4- Dec 00 N.Z." cancel on Ty. 4 flimsy, stamp with small faults at edges, flimsy with light toning and left flap removed, otherwise Fine..... E. 1,000-1,500



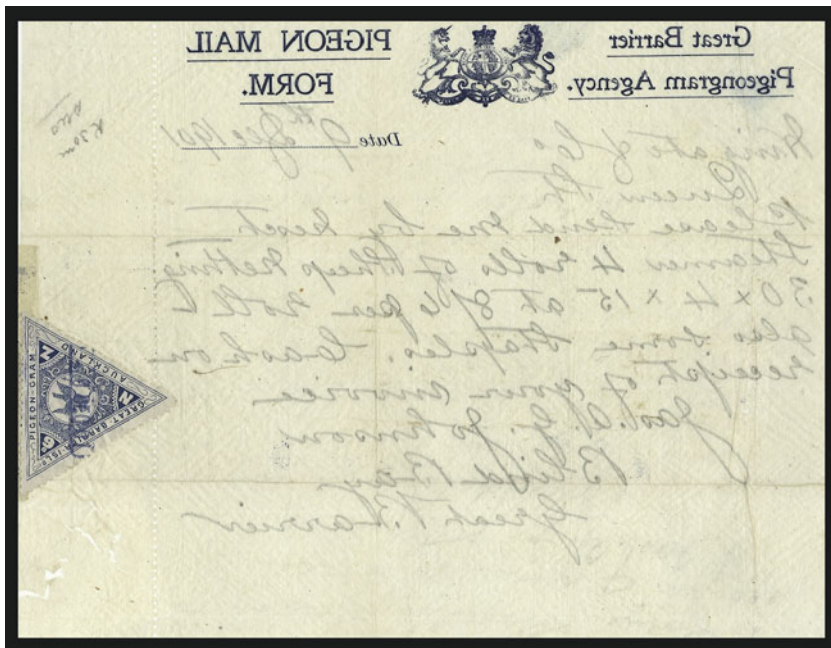
4115

4115° 1899, 6p Blue. Tied by boxed black "G.B.P.A. Jan. 8 02 N.Z." cancel with year date in error on Ty. 6c flimsy datelined 1903 to Auckland, blue double oval Auckland company receiving cancel, part of right side flap adhering to stamp at left, Very Fine ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4116

4116° ☒ **1899, 6p Blue.** Tied by boxed black "G.B.P.A. Oct. 7 99 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on plain flimsy with typed message from Okapu to Auckland, right flap detached and affixed to stamp at left, flimsy with small toned spots, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 2,000-3,000



4117

4117° ☒ **1899, 6p Blue.** Blue "9 Dec. 01" (Ty. 4) in lozenge cancel affixed to Ty. 5 flimsy from Blind Bay to Auckland, left flap detached and affixed to stamp at right, Extremely Fine . . . . . E. 2,000-3,000

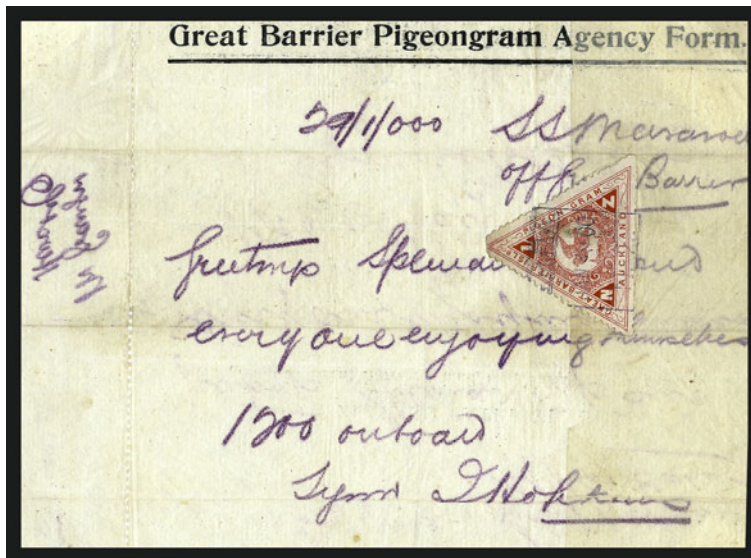






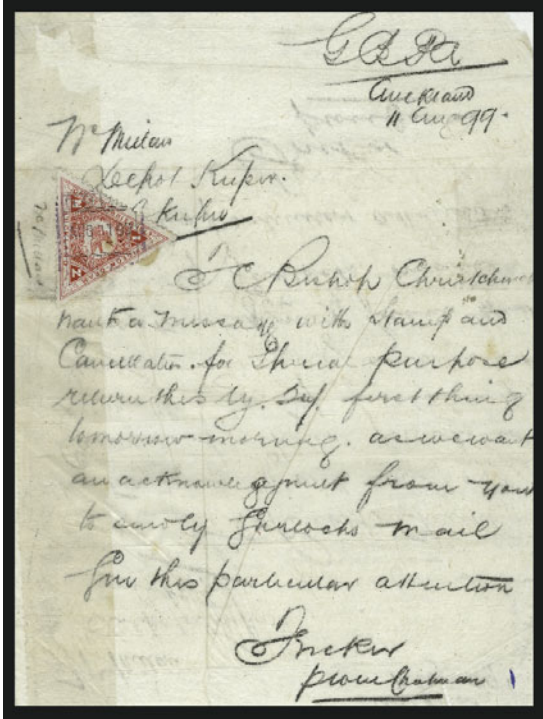
4120

4120° ☒ **1899, 1sh Red.** Tied by boxed black "G.B.P.A. Dec. 15 02 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on Ty. 9 flimsy datelined Auckland, right flap removed and stamp with small fault at edge, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 2,000-3,000



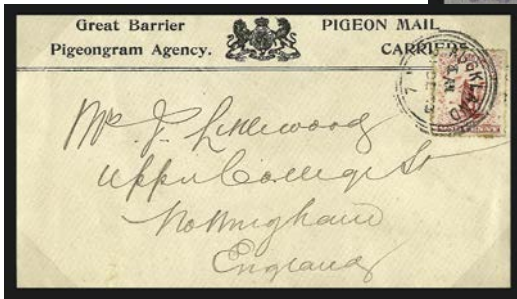
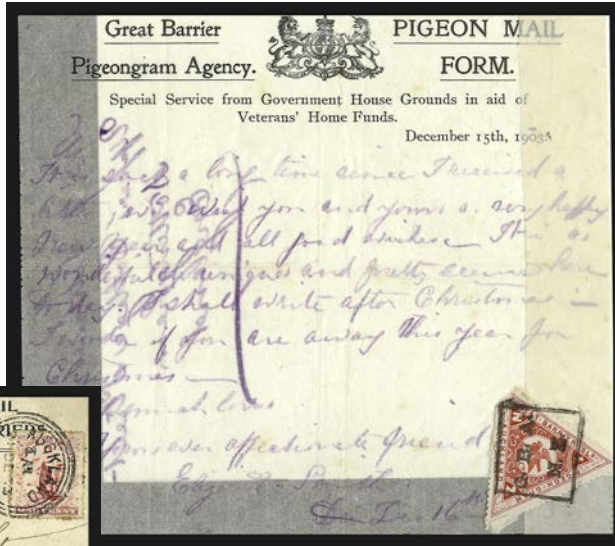
4121

4121° ☒ **1899, 1sh Red.** Tied by boxed violet "G.B.A.P. Jan. 29 00 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on Ty. 8 flimsy from the S.S. Mararoa to the Great Barrier Island, both side flaps attached, stamp with small faults, otherwise Very Fine ..... E. 2,000-3,000



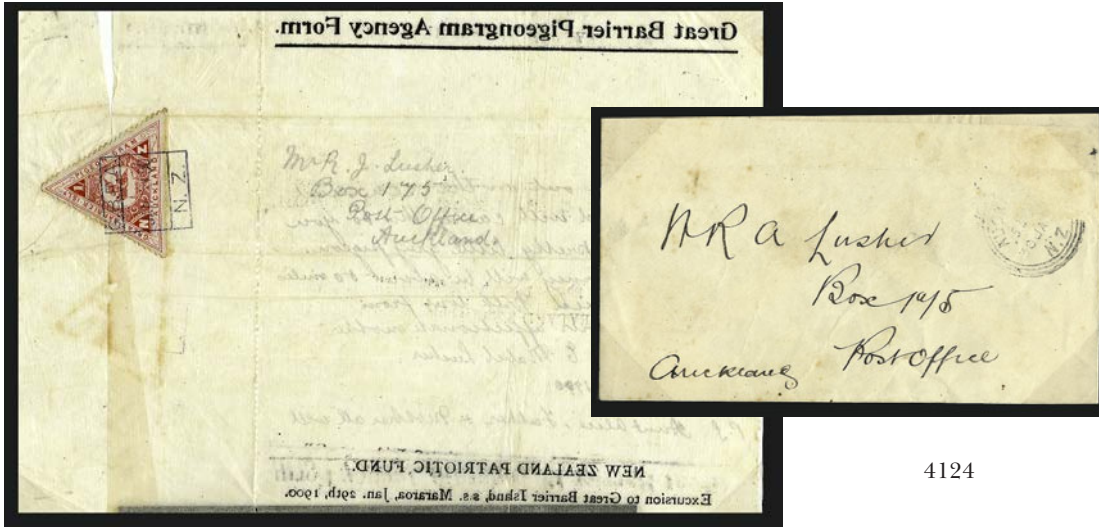
4122°☒ **1899, 1sh Red.** Tied by boxed violet "G.B.P.A. Aug. 11 98" N.Z." (Ty. 3) cancel on Ty. 2 flimsy from Auckland to the Great Barrier Island, flimsy with right flap detached, small tears at bottom, otherwise Very Fine, a rare pigeongram from Auckland to the Island ..... E. 3,000-4,000

4122



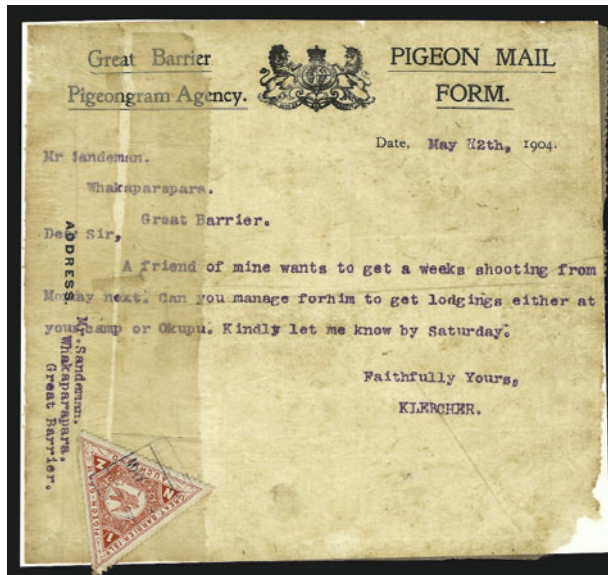
4123

4123°☒ **1899, 1sh Red.** Tied by bold boxed "G.B.A. N.Z." (Ty. 1) cancel on Ty. 9 flimsy with original cover to Nottingham, England, cover franked by New Zealand 1p Red, flimsy side flaps mostly intact with part of left flap stuck to stamp, stamp with one corner off EXTREMELY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF THE 1SH RED ON A FLIMSY TO ENGLAND. Dated Dec. 15, 1903, this cover reached its destination on Jan. 24, 1904 — 40 days in transit..... E. 3,000-4,000



4124

4124°✉ **1899, 1sh Red.** Tied by boxed violet "G.B.P.A. Jan. 13 00 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on Ty. 8 flimsy to Auckland with original cover, original cover with stamp removed, flimsy with left flap adhering to stamp at right, otherwise Extremely Fine ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4125EX

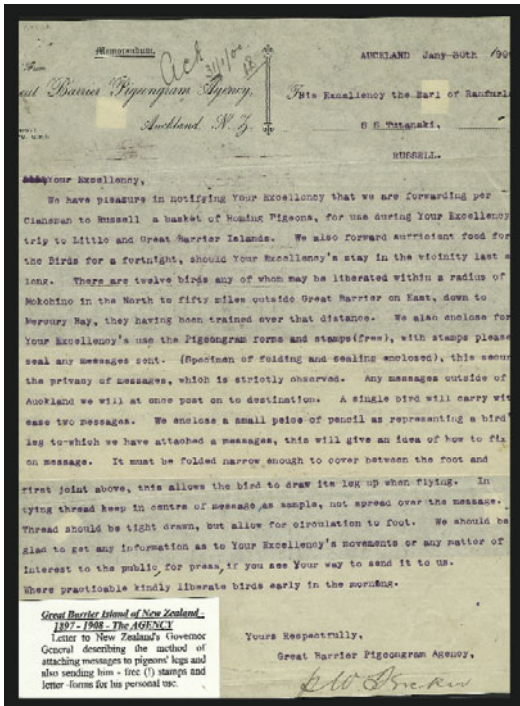
4125°✉ **1899, 6p Blue, 1sh Red.** 1sh Red tied by boxed violet "G.B.P.A. May 12 04 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on Ty. 7 flimsy from Auckland to Whangaparapara asking if lodging can be arranged for a friend's visit, and 6p Blue tied by violet boxed "G.B.P.A. May 14 04 N.Z." (Ty. 2) cancel on Ty. 7 flimsy from Whangaparapara to Auckland replying that reservations have been made, both flimsies toned with right flaps detached and adhering to stamps, second flimsy slightly reduced at bottom

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL PAIR OF FLIMSIES ILLUSTRATING THE TWO DIFFERENT RATES TO AND FROM THE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.

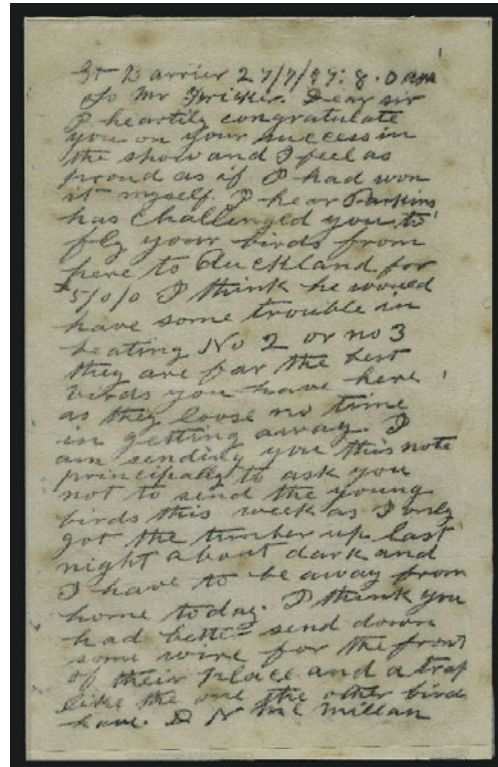
In 1904, the mines began shutting down, and the population consequently shrank. The telegraph was completed in 1908, and the Great Barrier Island Pigeon Posts closed.....  
 .....(Photo Ex) E. 4,000-5,000

MISCELLANEOUS GREAT BARRIER PIGEON MAIL

4126° **The Great Barrier Pigeon Agency, Forms and Envelopes.** Nine different unused forms and two envelopes, forms incl. Walker Nos. 3 (with 1sh affixed), 4, 5, 6a (with pair of 6d affixed), 6c, 7, 8, 9, and one unlisted in Walker, envelopes incl. two different types without insignia — one used with 2p Victoria to Birkenhead similar to one illustrated in Walker (p. 84, Fig. 55) , other unused and not described in Walker, form No. 3 with violet ink staining, used envelope with small piece out at top and two vertical file folds, otherwise Extremely Fine .....*Not illustrated* E. 1,000-1,500



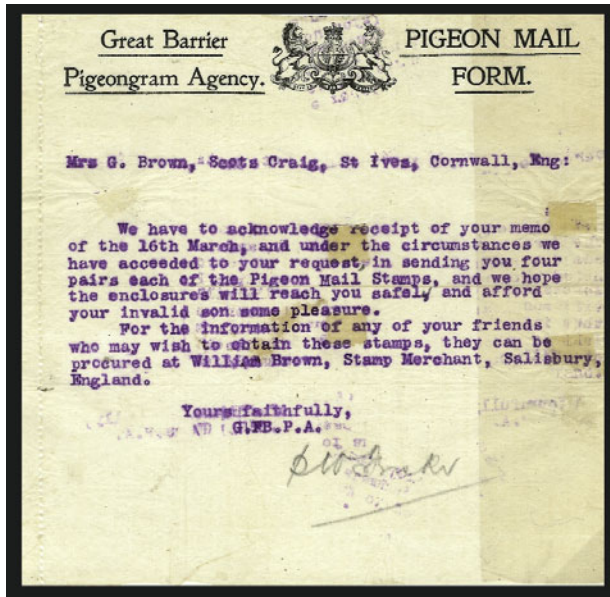
4127



4128

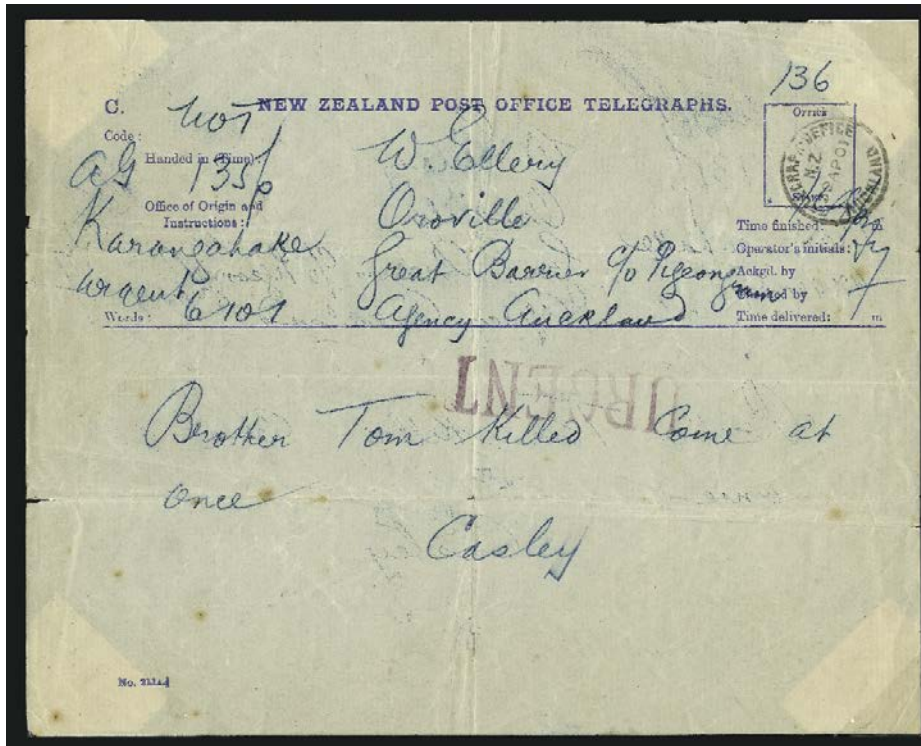
4127° **Letter from Mr. Fricker to the Governor of New Zealand.** Two-page letter dated Jan. 30, 1900, on official Agency stationery informing the governor that a basket of homing pigeons with two weeks of food, stamps and flimsies are being sent to him to use during his trip to the Great Barrier Island, the letter also contains instructions about how to send the birds and how to affix the messages, signed by Fricker in ink, Extremely Fine, an outstanding letter with great content and interesting that stamps were sent considering the New Zealand Post Office did not recognize them! ..... E. 750-1,000

4128° **Great Barrier July 27, 97.** Dateline on flimsy from D.N. McMillan, Fricker's agent in Oroville, to Fricker, great content reads "I heartily congratulate you on your success in the show... I hear Parkin has challenged you to fly your birds from here to Auckland for £5... I am sending you this note principally to ask you not to send the young birds this week as I only got the timber up last night about dark and I have to be away from home today...D.N. McMillan", few light toned spots do not detract, Extremely Fine, this may be the earliest known flimsy from the Agency ..... E. 2,000-3,000



4129

4129° **Flimsy to England.** Ty. 4 with right tab removed, typed text but signed in pencil by Fricker, contents indicate that stamps requested by the recipient are enclosed and other stamps can be obtained from a dealer in England, Very Fine, this flimsy was not flown but transported by boat, illustrated in Walker (p.81) as an example of form No. 4.....  
 ..... E. 1,000-1,500



4130

4130° **New Zealand Post Office Telegraph.** Printed 215 x 171mm form, from Auckland to Oroville, bold "Telegraph Office N.Z. Auckland 30 Ap. 01" and large violet "URGENT" hs., message reads "Brother Tom killed. Come at once.", Very Fine, this proves that the New Zealand post office accepted the private pigeon carriers..... E. 750-1,000

OTHER PIGEON POSTS

AUSTRIA



4131

4131<sup>o</sup> ✉ **Austria, Privately Carried Message, 1879.** Privately sent 105 x 43mm flimsy from one pigeon fancier to another, then forwarded in small locally addressed cover with 2k Yellow (34) on reverse tied by 1879 Brunn circular datestamp, reverse with blue boxed "Taubenpost Karhaus" handstamp on top backflap, front of cover with details of the pigeon "Leonidas" as well as its times of departure and arrival

VERY FINE. THIS MAY BE THE EARLIEST CIVIL MESSAGE CARRIED BY PIGEON IN AUSTRIA.

According to Bofarull (p.55), the first Austrian civilian society of pigeon fanciers was created in 1878, and in 1880, the military began to use pigeons to transport messages....

..... E. 3,000-4,000



4132

- 4132° ☒ **AUSTRALIA, Gala Day Pigeongram, 1933.** Australia's first flown pigeongram with souvenir cover, prepared by the Air Mail Society of N.S.W., pigeongram signed on back by Society secretary Crome, flown within Sydney and forwarded in cover to himself in Stanmore, cover with multicolor commemorative label affixed and tied by machine cancel and violet strike of pigeon handstamp, Extremely Fine, described in Bofarull (p.105) ..... E. 200-300

FRANCE

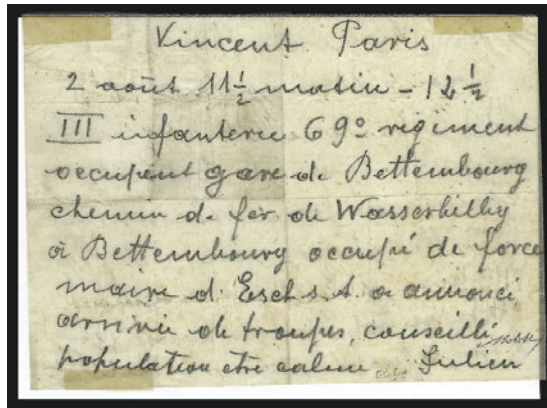
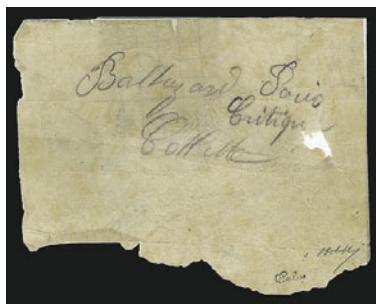
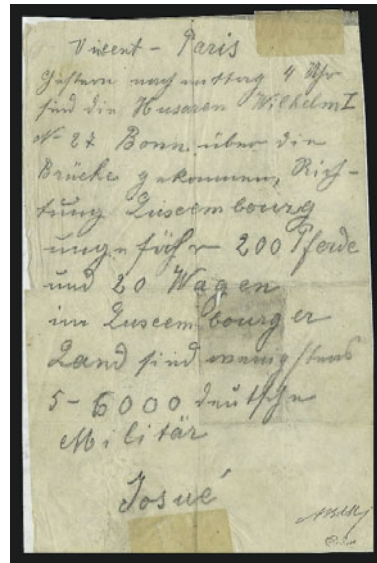
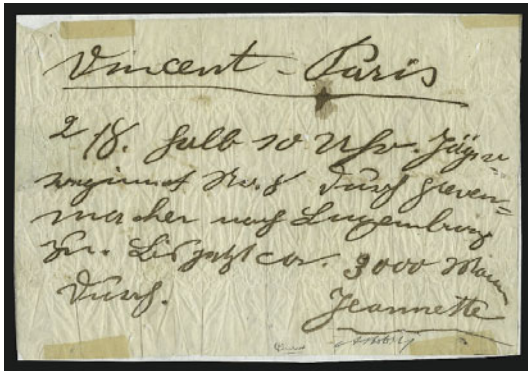


4133

4134EX

- 4133° ☒ **France, "Le Matin" Pigeon Race, 1905.** Flown message carried by pigeon, then placed inside small envelope mounted on souvenir postcard to Montmorency with 30pf Red Postage Due tied by Montmorency double circle datestamp, Extremely Fine, the French Newspaper "Le Matin" arranged for flimsies to be carried by pigeons from the boat "Ariane" to Le Havre where the flimsies were removed from the pigeons' legs, placed inside small envelopes affixed to souvenir postcards that were sent by regular mail. The message reads "On the occasion of the great release done today on the la Manche, we are pleased to send you this message by carrier pigeon and request that you keep it as a souvenir of the pigeon race of 1905. Le Matin" ..... E. 300-400
- 4134° ☒ **France, Military Pigeon Post Units, 1907.** Two items, first is picture postcard of the Palace Pigalle in Paris, with 5c Green tied by "Paris N 18-7" (Nov. 18, 1907) circular datestamp on picture side, message side with 5c French Red Cross stamp with pigeon in flight, uncanceled, to Mouveaux, two strikes of boxed "Colombier-Militaire Bastion 71 Bd Victor (Fort Victor) Paris" two-line handstamp, second is stampless cover with boxed blue "Colombier-Militaire Belfore" (Belfore — near the Swiss-German border) two-line handstamp to Seine, sender's endorsement on top backflap, postcard described in Bofarull (p.54), Extremely Fine ..... (Photo Ex) E. 300-400





4135

4135° ☒ **France, Reports of the Outbreak of World War I, 1914.** Four flown flimsies delivered by carrier pigeons to the secret address “Vincent Paris,” dated **August 2, 1914**, content regarding activities and troop movements

First is from agent “Collette” and reads “Baltard Paris. Critique. Collette”, reduced at bottom

Second is from agent “Julien” and reads “2 August 11½ morning - 12½. III Infantry Regiment No. 69 occupied Bettendorf railway station area of Wasserbilly. Bettendorf occupied in force. Mayor of Erchst started to bring troops. Population calm. Julien”

Third is from agent “Josue” and is written in German, it reads “Yesterday afternoon at 4PM, Kaiser Wilhelm I’s troops crossed the Bonn bridge in the direction of Luxembourg with about 200 horses and 20 wagons per our count with 5,000 to 6,000 German soldiers”

Fourth is from agent “Jeanette”, is also written in German, and reads “August 2, 9:30 AM, Regiment No. 8 passed Grevenmacher towards Luxembourg. So far, over 3,000 soldiers have come through. Jeanette”

VERY FINE. AN OUSTANDING GROUP OF FOUR REPORTS CARRIED BY FOUR DIFFERENT PIGEONS FROM FOUR DIFFERENT INFORMERS AT THE FRENCH BORDERS DURING THE GERMAN INVASION OF LUXEMBOURG THAT STARTED THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

Because of the longstanding hostility between France and Germany, France encouraged its citizens living near its borders to raise and train carrier pigeons to enable rapid reporting of events along the borders to Paris. Illustrated and described in Bofarull (pp.90-91). With copy of article in French by Gaston Tournier and one 1990 Bolaffi certificate for all four items ..... E. 10,000-15,000

FRENCH ARMY IN ALGERIA



4136EX

4136° ☒ **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two items, first is a three-page typed report to the Governor General of Algeria referring to experimental pigeon flights between various military outposts in Algeria in April 1906, horizontal and vertical file folds with document almost split horizontally, second is 88 x 45m flimsy sent by pigeon No. 3 from Ghardaia to Algiers via Laghouat and Djelfa (333 miles) with writing on front and back noting departure, arrival and transit times and large violet "Gouvernement General de l'Algerie Direction des Affaires Indigenes" double-circle handstamp, Very Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (pp.77-78). Flimsy with 1988 Sorani certificate..... E. 1,500-2,000



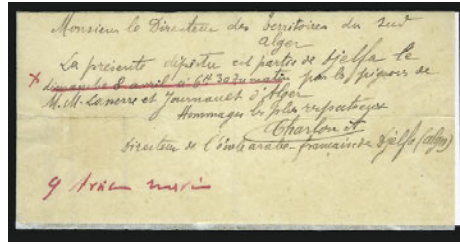
4137EX

4137° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two 88 x 45m flimsies sent by two pigeons from Ghardaia to Aflou, each with text noting arrival time, bold "Aflou 7 Avril 06" and large violet "Gouvernement General de l'Algerie Direction des Affaires Indigenes" double-circle handstamps, Extremely Fine, one illustrated in Bofarull (p.78), each with 1988 Sorani certificate (incorrectly stating flown from Aflou to Laghouat).....(Photo Ex) E. 3,000-4,000



4138EX

4138° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two 88 x 45m flimsies sent by two pigeons from Ghardaia to Algiers via Laghouat and Djelfa, each with text noting departure, arrival and transit times and large violet "Gouvernement General de l'Algerie Direction des Affaires Indigenes" double-circle handstamp, one with top left corner off, otherwise Extremely Fine, each with 1988 Sorani certificate .....(Photo Ex) E. 1,500-2,000



4139

4139° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** 88 x 45m flimsy from Djelfa to Algiers from the Director at Djelfa in French Arabia to the Director of Southern Territories in Algeria, with text noting the pigeon departed from Djelfa at 6:30AM on April 8 (crossed out and corrected to April 9), Extremely Fine, with 1988 Sorani certificate ..... E. 750-1,000



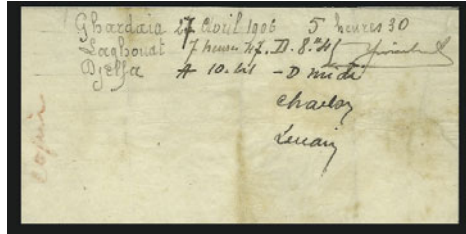
4140EX

4140° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two 88 x 45m flimsies sent by two pigeons from Aflou to Algiers via Laghouat and Djelfa, each with text noting arrival and departure times, bold "Aflou 27 Avril 06" and large blue "Direction des Affaires Indigenes" three-line handstamp, bottom right corner clipped clear of text and markings, otherwise Extremely Fine, each with 1988 Sorani certificate (incorrectly stating flown from Aflou to Djelfa) .....(Photo Ex) E. 2,000-3,000



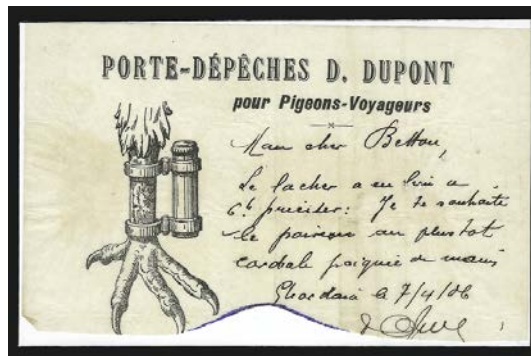
4141EX

4141° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two 88 x 45m flimsies sent by two pigeons from Ghardaia to Algiers via Laghouat and Aflou, each with text noting arrival and departure times, bold blue "Cercle Militaire de ????" Le Commandant Superieur pictorial and large blue "Direction des Affaires Indigenes" three-line handstamp, one with four small erosion spots, otherwise Extremely Fine, each with 1988 Sorani certificate (incorrectly stating flown from Ghardaia to Djelfa) .....(Photo Ex) E. 3,000-4,000



4142EX

4142° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** Two 88 x 45m flimsies sent by two pigeons from Ghardaia to Algiers via Laghouat and Aflou, each dated April 27 with text noting arrival and departure times, Extremely Fine, each with 1988 Sorani certificate (incorrectly stating flown from Ghardaia to Djelfa).....**(Photo Ex)** E. 1,500-2,000



4143EX

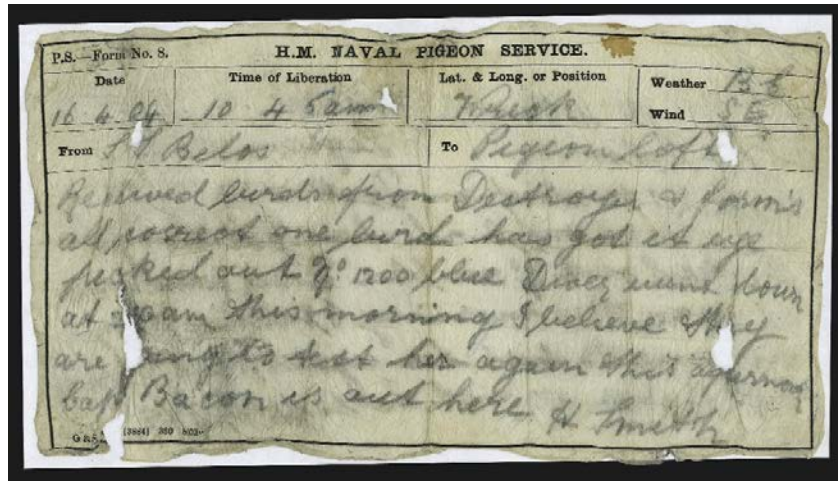
4143° **French Army in Algeria, 1906.** 103 x 63mm flimsy with printed letterhead of agent conducting the experiment with picture of pigeon leg with carrying tube attached, dated at bottom "Ghardaia le 7/4/06", blue ink line traces part of bottom edge, otherwise Very Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.78), with 1988 Sorani certificate ..... E. 2,000-3,000

GERMANY



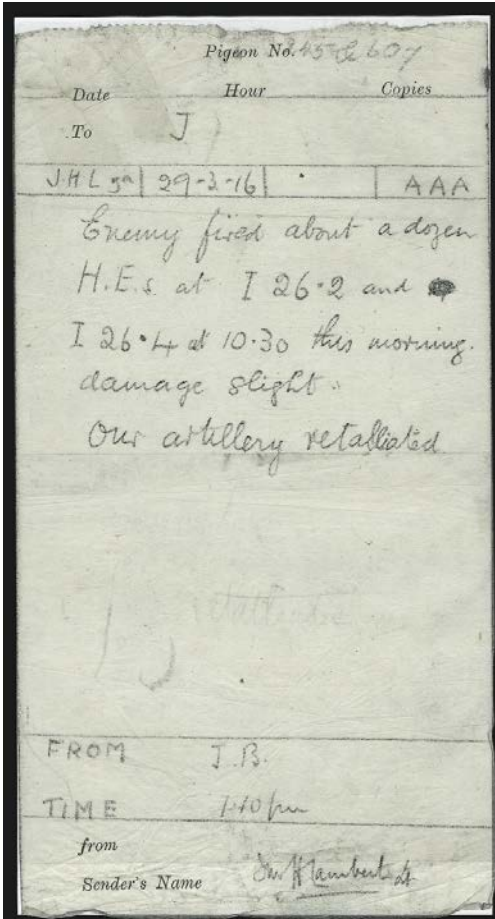
- 4144° ⊠ **Germany, World War I Military Pigeon Units, 1914.** Large stampless cover with bold "Gotha 2.10.15" circular datestamp to Budapest, Hungary, blue and white "Brieffauben-Abteilung `O'" label with pigeon in flight at bottom left, unit's two-line handstamp corner card, central vertical file fold, otherwise Very Fine, the unit was a military air unit camouflaged as a pigeon unit in Ostend, Belgium, label illustrated in Bofarull (p.95)..... E. 150-250
- 4145° ⊠ **Germany, World War I Pigeon Units.** Five items, comprising postcard from the Manager of the Carrier Pigeon Training Course with Feldpost cancel and two boxed violet army handstamps, cover with Feldpost and violet Pigeon Unit 162B cancels, flimsy carried by pigeon No. 20 of Unit 708, and two other postcards from different pigeon units, in mounts on three exhibit pages, flimsy with faults, otherwise Very Fine, cover illustrated in Bofarull (p.96) .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 4146° ⊠ **Germany, Military Pigeon Units, 1921.** Two covers, first with 20pf Blue block of four, second with 2pf Green and 10pf Carmine, from Pigeon Units II.9 and II.7 attached to two different infantry battallions and with different pictorial cancels, Very Fine .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000

GREAT BRITAIN



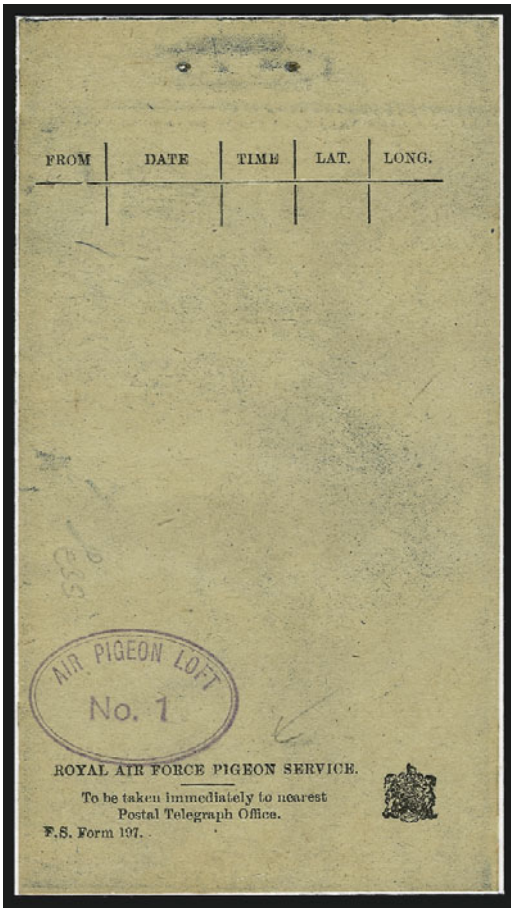
4147

4147° **Great Britain, S.S. Belos, 1904.** 175 x 97mm printed form dated Apr. 16, 1904, message reads "Received birds from Destroyer and forms all correct. One bird has got its eye pecked out No. 1200 blue. Diver went down at 2:30AM this morning. I believe they are going to test her again this afternoon. Capt. Bacon is out here. H. Smith", faults, otherwise Fine, the S.S. Belos was involved in the salvage operation to recover the submarine "A1" that collided with a ship during maneuvers and sunk on Mar. 18, 1904, this is the only message carried by pigeon during the salvage operation in public hands. .... E. 500-750



4148

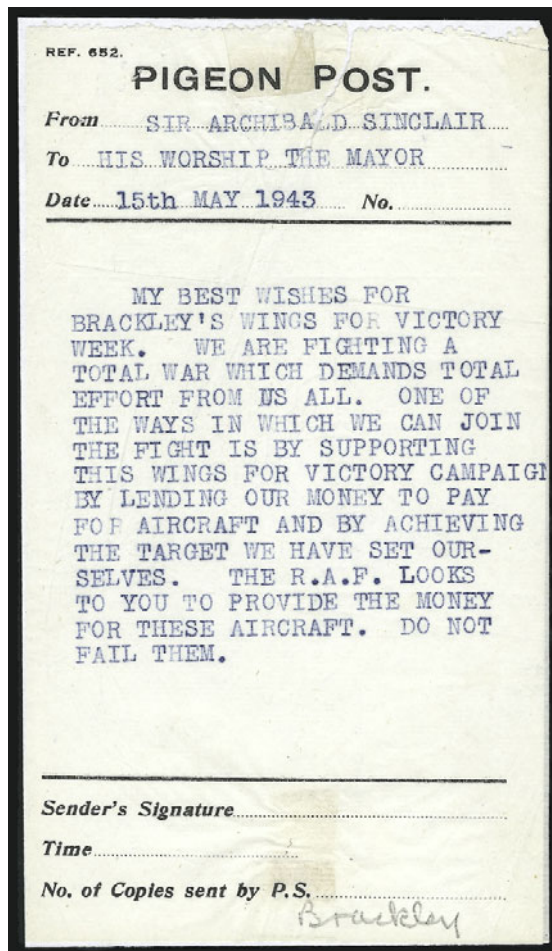
4148° **Great Britain, Pigeon Service Form, 1914.** Used 97 x 182mm form dated "29-3-16" (March 29, 1916) and reads "Enemy fired about a dozen H.E.s at I26.2 and I26.4 at 10:30 this morning. Damage Slight. Our artillery retaliated. J.B. 1:10PM", Extremely Fine, from the papers of Major F. Grundy of the Royal Engineers, illustrated in Bofarull (p.85) ..... E. 500-750



4149EX

4149° **Great Britain, Royal Air Force and Army Pigeon Service Forms, 1914.** Three unused forms incl. buff 75 x 135mm form with "Royal Air Force Pigeon Service" printed at bottom and violet "Air Pigeon Loft No. 1" oval handstamp and two 100 x 190mm forms for Army use with bold "Pigeon Service" stencil at bottom, Extremely Fine...  
 .....(Photo Ex) E. 200-300

4150° **Great Britain, R.A.F. Aid for Victory Week, 1943.** 152 x 87mm flimsy with typed message from Sir Archibald Sinclair to the Mayor of Brackley requesting a contribution to aid in the war effort, small tear at top, otherwise Very Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.120)..... E. 300-400



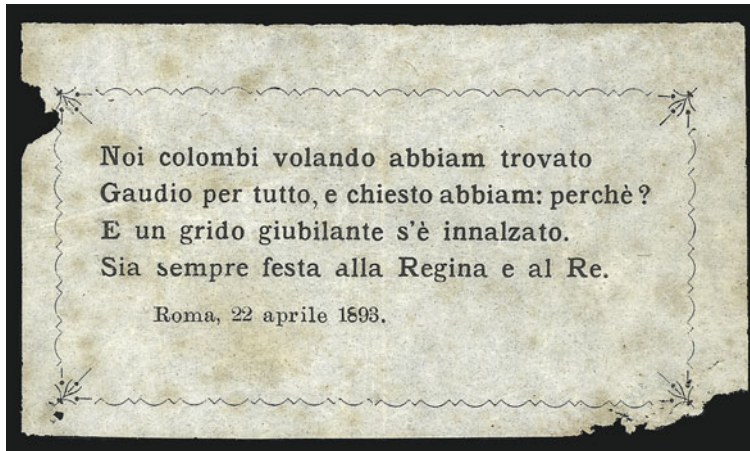
4150



- 4151° ☒ **HERM ISLAND Pigeon Service, 1949.** Complete pane of eight, flimsy and parcel post envelope, pane with tiny thin speck in one stamp and margin, otherwise Mint N.H., flimsy with stamp tied by "Herm Island 17 Jul. 1949" circular datestamp to Blackburn, envelope with hole at left for attachment to pigeon's leg and stamp tied by "Herm Island 1 Aug. 1952" circular datestamp to Guernsey, prepared as a favor after service ended, Extremely Fine, the service operated between late May and Sept. 1949, making the flimsy a very scarce item, pane and cover illustrated in Bofarull (p.134) **(Photo Ex)** E. 500-750
- 4152° ☒ **INDIA, Pigeon Post Collection, 1931-41.** Thirteen items incl. first modern pigeongram dispatched in India with cover which carried it to its final destination, 1933 Indian Airmail Society commemorative pigeongram and cover which carried it to its final destination, 1941 pigeongram to raise funds for the British Navy (250 flown) with cover that carried it to its final destination, and five 1940 Indian Airmail Society covers (two different styles) that forwarded a pigeon flown flimsy incl. two with original flimsies, on exhibit pages, Very Fine, many illustrated or with illustrations of similar material in Bofarull (p.103-105).....**(Photo Ex)** E. 750-1,000
- 4153° ☒ **JAPAN, Military Pigeon Mail, 1931.** 159 x 149mm army flimsy with two magenta pictorial cancels and violet circular datestamp, typed message translates to "I am sending you my greetings through this lovely pigeon.", accompanied by outer cover in which it was placed after being carried by pigeon with same three cancels as pigeongram plus 3sen Green tied by bold black circular datestamp and magenta "Amry (typo correct) Pigeon Post" at top, on exhibit page, Extremely Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.107) ..... E. 400-500



ITALY

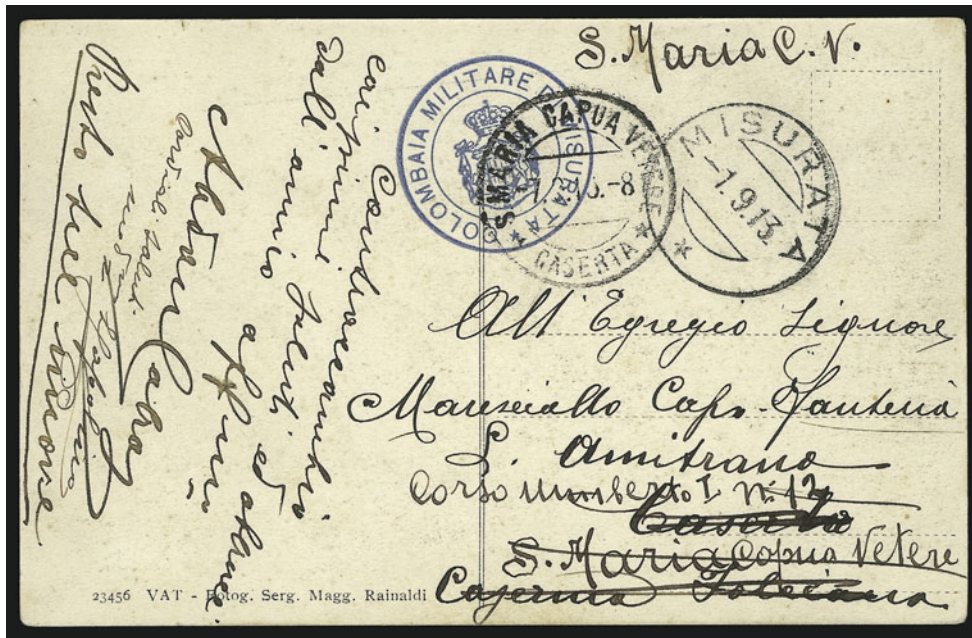


4154

4154° **ITALY, Royal Silver Jubilee, 1879.** Printed message on 80 x 45mm flimsy dated Apr. 22 sent from Monte Mario, Rome commemorating the 50th Jubilee of the King and Queen, two small pieces out and overall toning  
FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE OF THIS COMMEMORATIVE ITEM FLOWN BY PIGEONS.

The message reads "We, flying pigeons, have found happiness for everything, and this we have: Why? And a celebratory shout has risen. Be always joy for the King and Queen."

Illustrated in Bofarull (p.57). With 1986 Diena certificate stating "No other copies are known to exist."..... E. 1,500-2,000



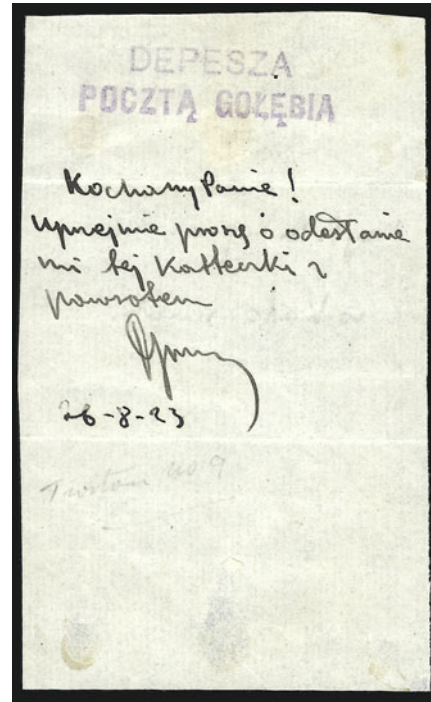
4155

4155° ☒ **ITALIAN OFFICES IN LIBYA, World War I Military Pigeon Unit at Misurata, 1913.** Stampless picture postcard of military street scene in Misurata, message side with "Misurata 1.9.13" circular datestamp and perfectly struck blue "Colombaia Militare Di Misurata" pictorial handstamp to Capua Vetere, Caserta (Italy) and forwarded, Extremely Fine, illustrated in Bofarull (p.79) ..... E. 300-400

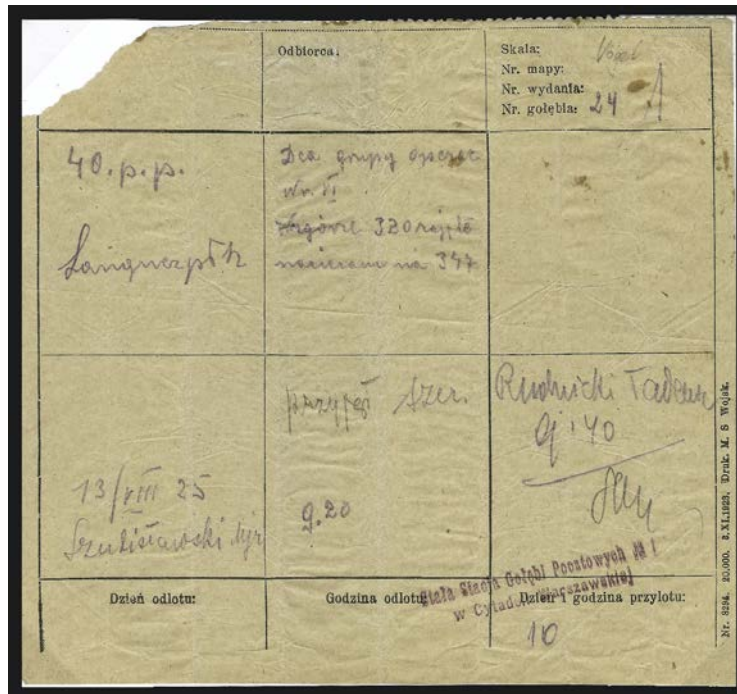
POLAND

4156°

**POLAND, Civilian Pigeon Mail, 1923.** Violet "Depesza Poczta Golebia" (Telegram sent by Pigeon) two-line handstamp on 54 x 89mm flimsy to Katowitz, message written in Polish translates to "Dear Sir, Please return this piece of paper. 26-8-23", Very Fine, illustrated and described in Bofarull (p.102)..... E. 1,000-1,500



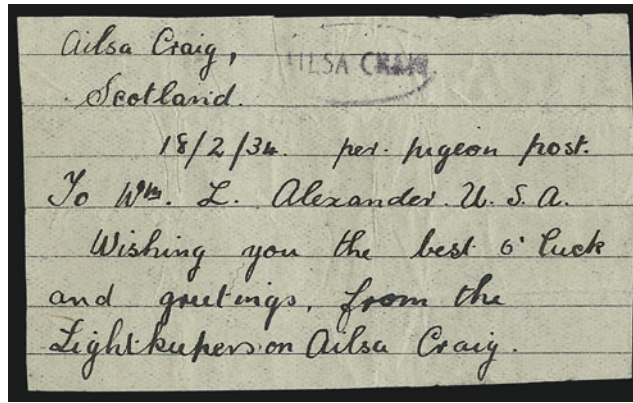
4156



4157

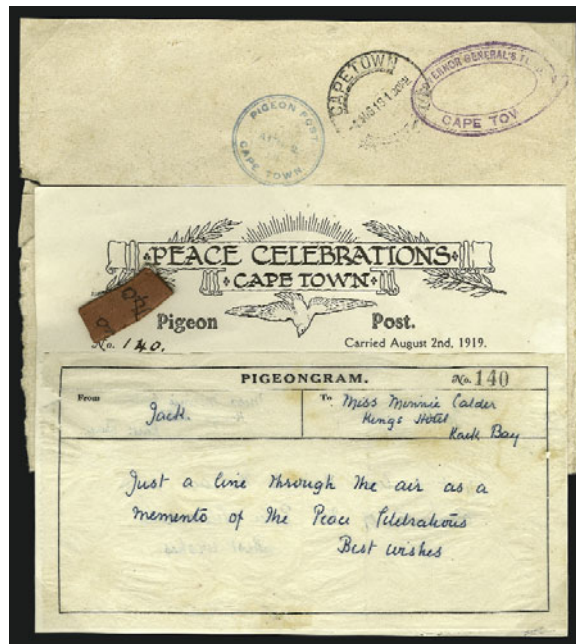
4157°

**POLAND, Military Pigeon Mail, 1923.** 158 x 147mm printed form with violet "Stala Stacja Golobi Pooztowych No. 1 w Cytadon Warszawskie" (Pigeon Loft No. 1, City of Warsaw) two-line handstamp, message translates as "Hill 320 occupied. We are attacking Hill 347." top left corner removed where there is no writing, otherwise Very Fine and very rare..... E. 1,000-1,500



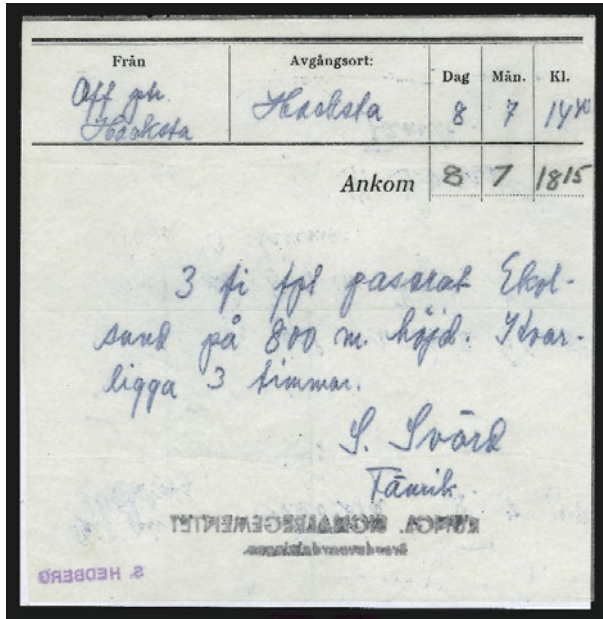
4158EX

4158° **SCOTLAND, Civilian Pigeon Mail, 1934.** 80 x 49mm flimsy from the Lighthouse Ailsa Craig datelined "18/2/36 per pigeon post", message reads "To Wm. L. Alexander, U.S.A. Wishing you the best o' luck and greetings. From the Lightkeepers in Ailsa Craig.", light violet "Ailsa Craig" in oval hs at top, accompanied by 62 x 16mm fragment of flimsy reading "2 pigeons with messages A.S. Gervan", Very Fine, at the request of Alexander, a Glasgow philatelist and avid reader of the Glasgow Evening Times transplanted to Quincy Mass., the message was carried by pigeon from the Lighthouse to Girvan, Scotland, then forwarded by ordinary post to the Glasgow Times where the editor sent it with a typed letter to Mr. Alexander in Mass. (letter and Alexander's original typed request accompany, as does letter by H.L. Lindquist of Stamps thanking Mr. Alexander for sharing the information with him), illustrated in Bofarull (p.109).....(Photo Ex) E. 400-500



4159

4159° ⊠ **SOUTH AFRICA, World War I Peace Celebration, 1919.** 174 x 92mm, flown, then affixed to 174 x 148mm commemorative card and mailed in an outer cover from Cape Town to the Kings Hotel, Kirk Bay, three handstamps incl. "Capetown 4 Aug. 1919" datestamp, violet oval "Governor General's Fund Capetown" and blue "Pigeon Post Cape Town Aug. 2, 19" circular datestamp, card with bakelite tag attached to pigeon's leg, cover with edge faults, otherwise Very Fine, 410 pigeongrams were flown (this is No. 140), but, according to Bryan Stokoe's *Airmails of the Pioneer Period in South Africa*, only three are known with original cover and bakelite tag, illustrated and described in Bofarull (pp.97-98), but to briefly summarize, as part of the celebration, pigeons carried private messages up to 24 words for 2/6d which went to the Governor General's Fund.... E. 1,000-1,500



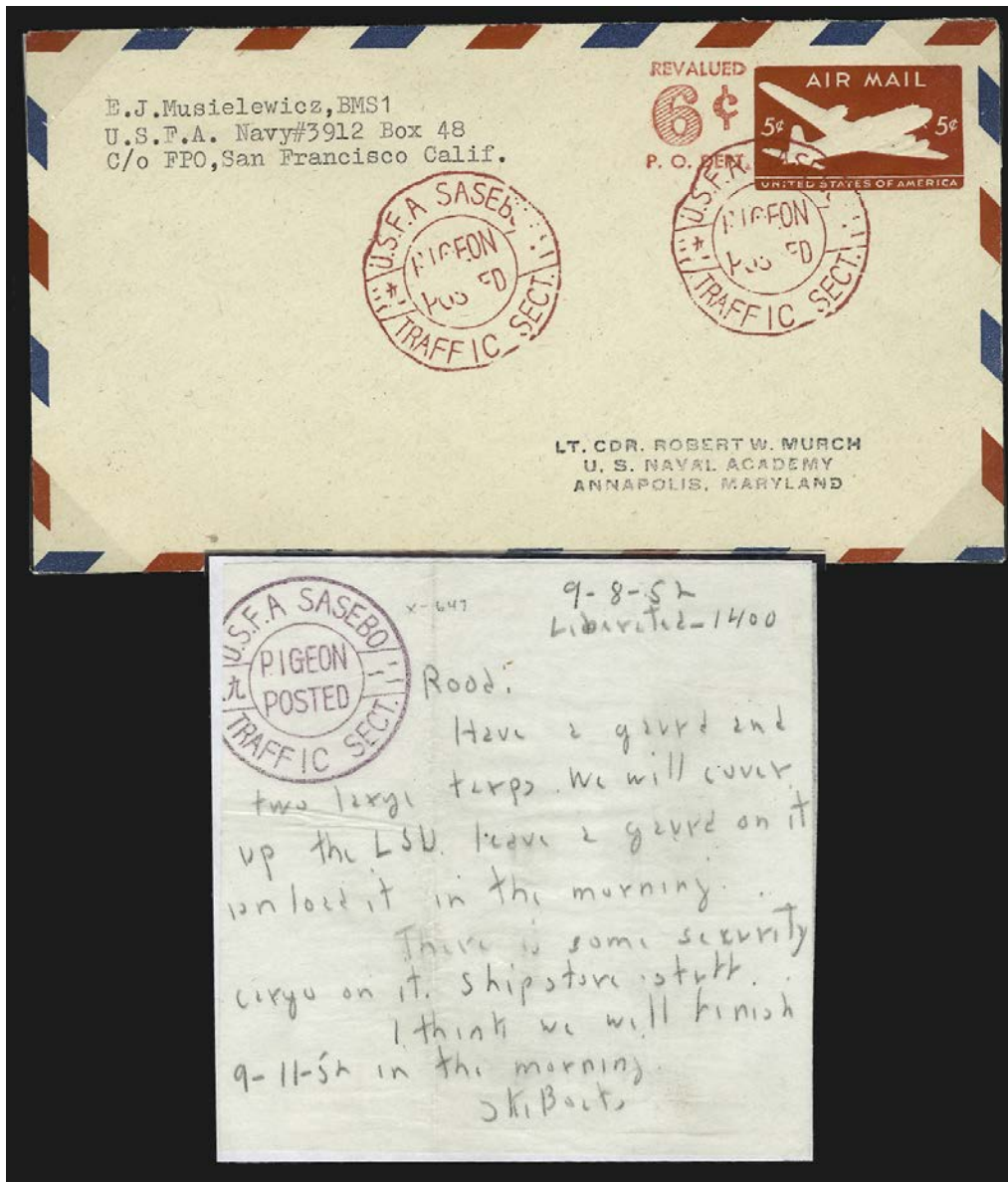
4160

4160° **SWEDEN, Military Pigeon Unit, 1941 or 1942.** 108 x 109mm flimsy written by an officer on patrol assigned to the Royal Signal Regiment stationed in Hacksta, carried by pigeon and reads (when translated) “3 unidentified airplanes passed Ekolsund at 800 meters and stayed for 3 hours. S. Svord, Lieutenant”, Extremely Fine, with 1997 letter from the Swedish government providing information about the sender and content, described in Bofarull (p.115)..... E. 500-750



4161EX

4161° ⊠ **SWITZERLAND, Military Pigeon Units, 1929, 1940.** Three items incl. picture postcard sent from a military pigeon unit, picture side shows Alps, message side with bold “Kandersteg (Bern) 17 Jun. 29” circular datestamp, bold three-line hotel handstamp and violet “Militar Briefftaubendienst.” two-line army handstamp cachet, other two covers from Pigeon unit 13 incl. one stampless with bold violet “Briefftaubenzug 13 Feldpost” circular cancel and one with cinderella pane of four tied by bold violet “Briefftaubenzug: 13” straightline cancel, Extremely Fine group, postcard illustrated in Bofarull (p.111) .... (Photo Ex) E. 400-500



4162

4162° ☒ **UNITED STATES, Sasebo Pigeon Post, 1952.** U.S. No. UC20 with two strikes of "U.S.F.A. Sasebo Traffic Sect. Pigeon Posted" scallop-edged handstamp to Lt. Cdr. Murch at the Naval Academy, with 105 x 105mm flimsy with same handstamp datelined 9-8-52 and reads "Robt., Have a guard and two large trps. Will cover up the LSU. Leave a guard on it and unload it in the morning. There is some security cargo on it. Ship store stuff. I think we will finish 9-11.5h in the morning. S.K. Bolt", Extremely Fine, "U.S.F.A." means "U.S. Forces Afloat" and Sasebo was a U.S. Naval base in Japan established after the end of the second world war, this pigeon service operated from the ship to Japan from April 1951 to Dec. 1952, reportedly only twelve flimsies extant, described with illustration of similar pigeongram in Bofarull (p.130).....(Photo Ex) E. 500-750

4163° ☒ **BALANCE OF ELIASHAR PIGEON POST COLLECTION.** 22 items, mostly 1934-41, better incl. 1934 Germany Nazi Party Day with metal tube that was attached to pigeon's leg, eight 1934-39 Swiss pigeon flights incl. four souvenirs and four different pigeon military units, Austria 1936 Kress Commemorative, Japan 1936 flimsy with horse racing results to newspaper for early publication, two Great Britain 1941 covers with large oval Carrier Pigeon Service cancels, 1941 Cuban propaganda, 1938 New Zealand commemorative pigeongram, most in mounts on exhibit pages, Very Fine, **eight items illustrated in Bofarull incl. one on back cover** .....Not illustrated E. 1,000-1,500

END OF SALE—THANK YOU