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Description

COLLECTIBLE: IRAQ, 1919, Jan. 10, Mesopotamian Expeditionary Forces to India on the "Old Carthusian", Basra Leg. Clear strike of "Base Post Office M.E.F., 14th Desp, 10 JAN 19" double-circle datestamp on cover to Worcester, England, forwarded to Buckingham, manuscript "On Active Service", clear strike of violet "Postal Service M.E.F., Aerial Post Basrah-Delhi per Handley-Page Aeroplane" four-line cachet, signed by 2nd Lieut. on front, insignificant flaws to top flap which is missing small piece FINE AND A VERY RARE USE FROM BASRA ON THE M.E.F. FLIGHT TO INDIA. ONLY SEVEN COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THIS FLIGHT CACHET. While the cachet states Basra, the flight from Baghdad actually left from British-occupied Ahwaz (Persia), because of its superior airfield. Mail was sent from Basra to Ahwaz by rail to make the flight. Kimpton records six covers but an example recently surfaced in a Spink sale (interestingly dated Jan. 11). Kimpton records six covers but an example recently surfaced in a Spink sale (interestingly dated Jan. 11). Kimpton census no. 3 and illustrated in his book (p. 32).

Quantity: 1



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