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Description

COLLECTIBLE: INDIA, 1919, Nov. 24, Bandar Abbas-Karachi Leg of Ross-Smith England-Australia Flight (AAMC 27e). India 1a and 1½a, tied by "Bandar Abbas 24 NO 19" circular datestamp on cover addressed locally to British Consulate in Bandar Abbas, sender's directive "Aerial Post - Captain Ross Smith A.R.A.F. Flying first Vickers Vimy Biplane England to Australia", clear strike of "Per Vickers 'Vimy' Aeroplane to Australia" three-line flight cachet, light Karachi arrival backstamp VERY FINE. ONLY FOURTEEN ITEMS WERE FLOWN ON THIS BANDAR ABBAS TO KARACHI LEG OF THE ROSS-SMITH FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA. Of the fourteen items flown, twelve were covers and two postcards. The cover offered here was sent by G.A. MunGavin, the British Consul, who sent five covers. Two were to his wife and mother in England and the other three to either Karachi or locally, including this cover to his sister Elsie. Listed as No. 13 by Frommer in his census. Illustrated in Kimpton "Airmails Across the Middle East: 1918-1930" (p. 57).

Quantity: 1