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Description

COLLECTIBLE: GREAT BRITAIN, 1927, May 20, Royal Air Force Record Flight. Great Britain 1/2p tied by "Cranwell, Lincs, 20 MY 27" circular datestamp on petite cover to Calcutta, India, sender's directive "London-India, via Horsley-Rolls", affixed with Iraq 3a and tied by Baghdad Jun. 1, 1927 circular datestamp with additional strike on back for onward journey to Calcutta due to plane crash, Calcutta arrival backstamp VERY FINE AND EXTRAORDINARILY RARE RECORD FLIGHT COVER. ONLY THREE COVERS FROM THIS FLIGHT ARE RECORDED. RAF Pilots R.C. Carr and L.E.M. Gillman set off for India in an attempt to set the world long distance record. Unfortunately, they were forced down in the Persian Gulf, off the coast of Bandar Abbas, and spent the night floating on their aircraft. The 3,420 miles traveled did set the new record. It was incredibly short lived as, on the same day, the record was broken by Charles Lindbergh on his flight from New York to Paris. Ex Jennings

Quantity: 1



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