From the bargain box I

On 30.09.17 the "SPIREX 17", an exhibition with youth class and Martin Luther special show on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the stamp collector association Speyer (BSV) took place in Speyer. As always, some dealers were present at such events. Although the offer is very small, it is always worthwhile to check the stock of Australian letters. So also this quite frequently to be found aerogramme from 1966 for 1,00 € was in a bargain box.
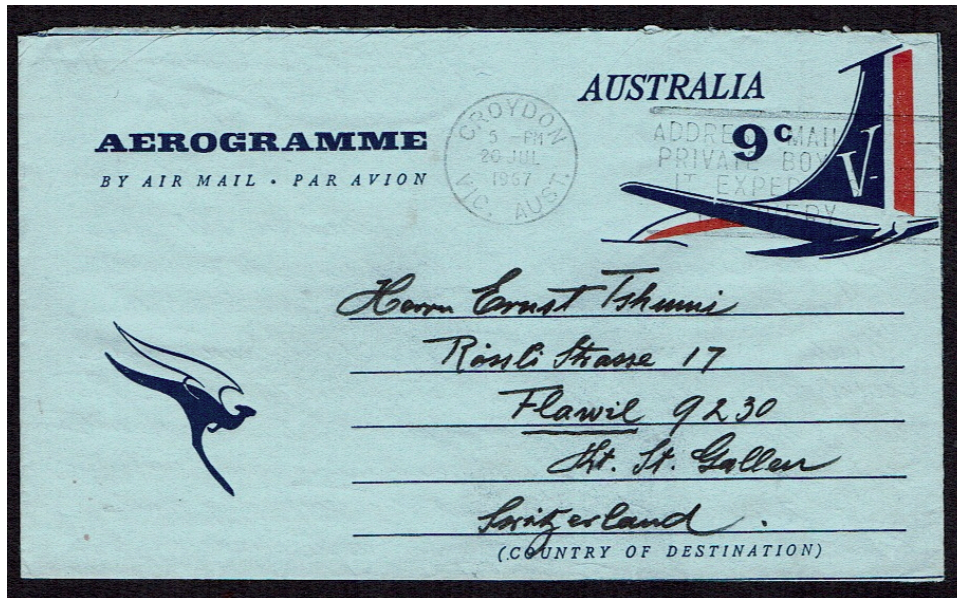

Fig. 1: 1st decimal aerogramme of 14.02.1966, 9c Comet aircraft, sent from Crydon, Victoria, on 20 July 1967 to Sankt Gallen, Switzerland.

However, there is a special feature here. A closer look reveals the variety "fracture in the left wing". This rare variety - not mentioned in the catalogues of Stein and Roggenkämper - was offered and sold by the Australian dealer T. Weller for 80 A$ in 2017.

Fig. 2:   Detail "Fracture in the wing.

From the bargain box II

The annual international stamp fair took place in Sindelfingen these days - another reason to browse through countless boxes. In contrast to the previous year, I did not find any real bargains, but I did find some interesting letters, including this aerogramme (see Fig. 3).

Actually nothing special, except for the Cancel: Bathurstcamp 23.5.1950. A search on the Internet clarified this issue.

Fig. 3:   Airletter from 05.12.1945, sent on 23.05.1945 from BATHURSTCAMP to Döbeln, Germany

An army camp of the Second Australian Imperial Force's 1st Armoured Division was established in Bathurst in 1940. After the war, the camp was used as a "migrant reception and training centre". The first group of migrants arrived in Bathurst in 1948, at times the camp had up to 10,000 inhabitants. The camp had the complete infrastructure of a city, with a hospital and a fully functional post office (see Fig. 4), so the BATHURSTCAMP postmarking should not be uncommon. The camp was closed in 1952. In the place of the former camp there is now an information board about the camp in Limekilns Road, Kelso.

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Fig. 3:   Post office of the camp

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