

Forging Empire Links...



RE-ESTABLISHING ENGLAND/AUSTRALIA AIR SERVICES 1945 – 1954

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Before the end of the war Qantas managing director, Hudson Fysh, was concerned about obtaining suitable aircraft and re-establishing the Sydney/London air route and the former business relationship between BOAC and QEA.

Britain, concentrating on manufacturing bomber and fighter aircraft during the war, had fallen behind the USA in producing commercial aircraft. The big question for Fysh was should he use outdated British aircraft or the advanced US aircraft designs.

There was political pressure to use British aircraft and when the service first began QEA used Lancastrian and Hythe aircraft as a stop gap measure. (Book 4 - Part 1, Chapter 6.)

Finally QEA purchased the US designed Constellation.

This chapter, and Chapter 6, details the development of the London/Sydney service and other minor routes in the Pacific during the period when QEA gradually increased its operations as the war ended.

Photo : Part of the cover of Gordon's 'Air Guide Number 111' published in Australia during World War II.

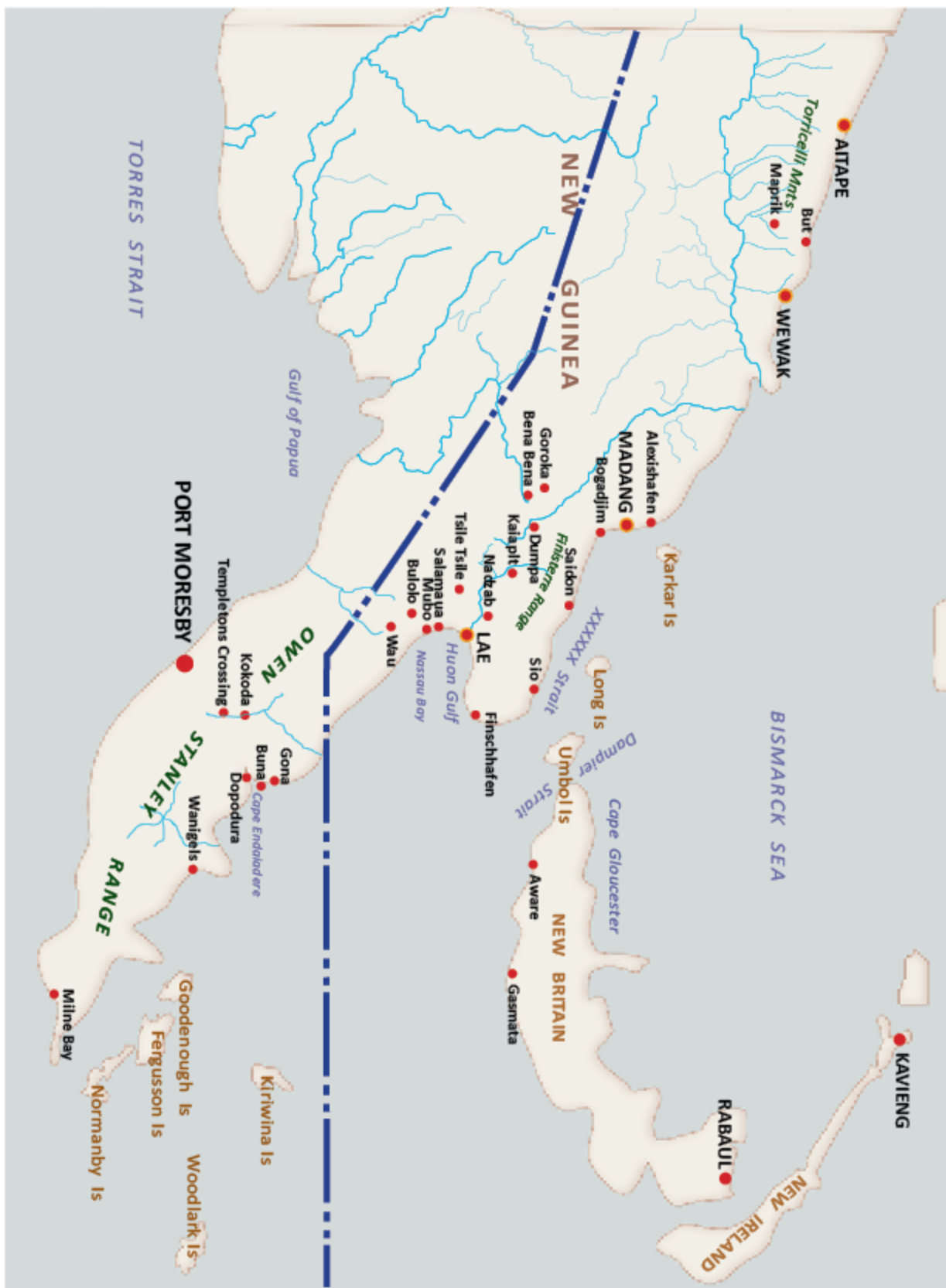


FIGURE 525 : Map showing locations referred to in the text.



FIGURE 640 : To India, cancelled May 1945.



FIGURE 779 : Cancelled at Army P.O. Torokina on 26 August 1945 after the war had ceased. Double rate cover to England. Franked with 3 pence brown George VI stamps which were the stamps most commonly used by the troops.

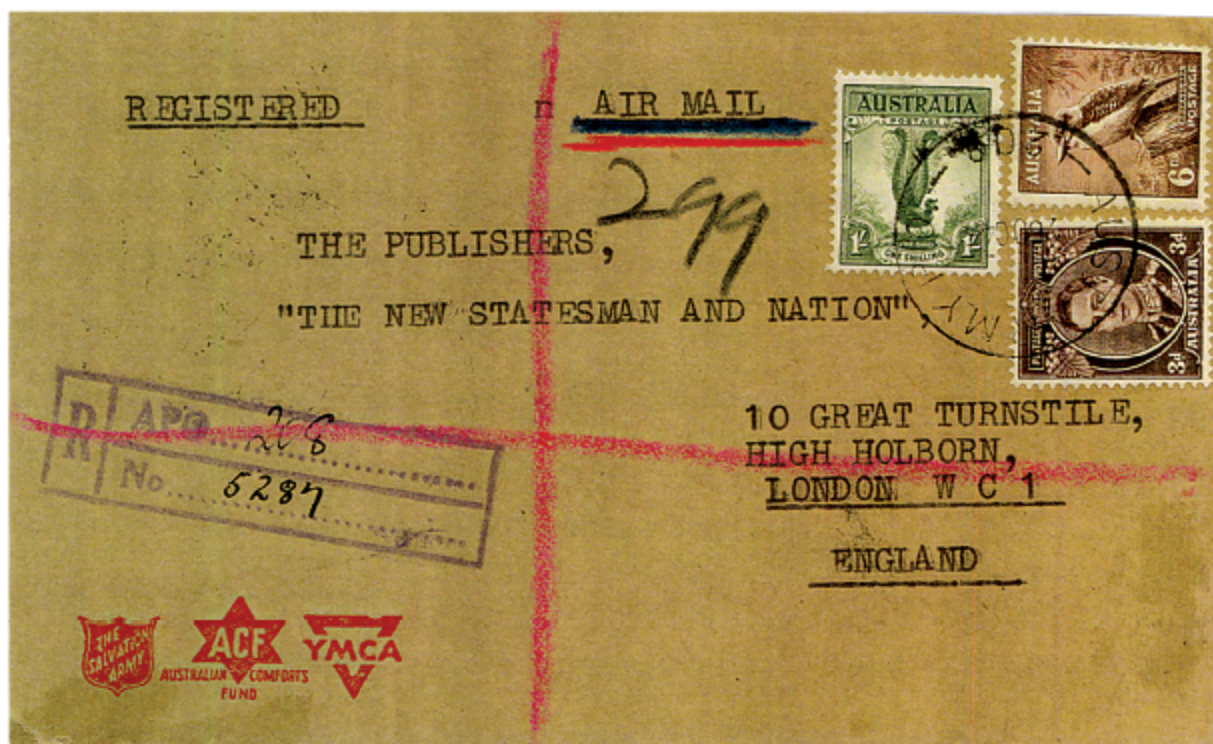
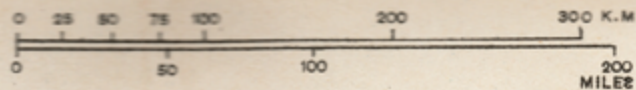


FIGURE 780 : Cancelled 26 October 1945 at Aust Army P.O. 208 located at Morotai AMF Shopping Centre. Franking includes 3 pence registration.

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