EXCESSIVE POSTAGE ON REGISTERED MAIL

An unusual personal registered letter affixed with 9p in postage, almost double the regular rate. One could surmise that the sender was impressed with the image of a Papuan shooting fish and wanted to share this fine stamp. The letter originated from Port Moresby on March 17, 1933, destination Holyoke, Colorado, USA, arrival date April 25, 1933.

To conclude this exhibit the last cover showcases the colourful pictorial issue of 1932 with five beautiful stamps featuring the life and times of native life in Papua. This personal cover from Port Moresby is dated Sept. 19, 1939, and shows excessive postage, almost double the required rate for a Registered International letter. Once more, a Papuan wanting to share the beauty of Papua postage stamps: destination Altanca, Switzerland, arrival date November 13, 1939.

CONCLUSION

After having viewed these postal covers one can easily see the beauty in these philatelic gems and how well they depicted the Papuan indigenous culture. It is no wonder that they were so popular and served the country so well as a good source of philatelic income for the next twenty years. Undoubtedly, the people of Papua appreciated and used these stamps with pride in the needs of their day to day life.