



# Surfing the Solomon Sea

The South Solomons became a protectorate in 1893. To these islands were added those of Santa Cruz and, in 1900, the Shortlands group, ceded by Germany. Apart from Tulagi, seat of British administration, few other post offices were operating at the time of the Jubilee.



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## Tulagi

Capital till 1942, when it was destroyed during the US landings. Here is a cover to France sent at the foreign rate of 3d, sent from Tulagi on 25 June 1935.

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## Gizo

From the headhunting territory comes this registered cover to England with 3d paying registration and 1½ d for the empire letter rate, each tied by Gizo cds with backstamps of Sydney (27 Se 35), Birmingham (3 No) & Stourbridge (4 No).



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**From a couple of outlying post offices....**



Shortland Island



At the extreme North West of the territory lies this island, close to New Guinea. With most mail being cancelled Tulagi, such covers as this one, (to Scotland at the 1½d empire rate), postmarked Shortland Island, are scarce.

**And involving the neighbourhood....**



*Rabaul New Guinea - 16 JI 35*



*Kieta New Guinea to Bougainville N.G.*



*Gizo to New Guinea*

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