

## **HAROLD CHARLES GATTY (5 JAN 1903 – 30 AUG 1957)**

Harold Charles Gatty was a Tasmanian aviator, born in Campbell Town in 1903. He qualified as a marine navigator through the Royal Australian Naval College which led to his interest in aerial navigation. He is noted for inventing an air sextant and an aero chronometer, but also his flying exploits, most notably, with Wiley Post, circumnavigating the earth in a record 8 days 15 hours 52 minutes, in 1931.

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1. Letter to Dan Sprod from the original donor of these documents, Mr. Ern Crome, 237 Attunga road, Miranda NSW 2228, 15<sup>th</sup> June 1970.
2. One of the first 'letters' ever signed, as being with Harold Gatty on a flight within Australia. The other signature is of H C Owen, the 'Shell' pilot, who was also associated with Moir when their aircraft went missing in Northern Australia.
3. A first day cover carried and signed by Charles Kingsford Smith and Scotty Allen on the first all Australian Air Mail flight from England to Australia, 1931-32.
4. A post card carried and signed by Charles Ulm on the first flight from Australia to New Zealand in the 'Faith of Australia', 1933.
5. A block of 4 of the special vignettes designed by Ern Crome for the last flight of the 'Southern X' from Mascot Airport, Sydney, (later to become Kingsford Smith Airport), to Richmond RAAF Base, 18<sup>th</sup> July 1935.