

Lot Type Grading Description

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1931 CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH - Official Stamps

Lot 421

421 ** B/A+ **OVERPRINTED 'OS'**: 2d red (a couple of pulled perfs & rounded upper-right corner) & 3d blue (superb!) marginal singles - the 3d with *Plate Number '3'* - affixed to a fragment of *House of Representatives* notepaper (123x75mm), the stamps are both unmounted, Cat \$1000+.

400



Lot 422

422 */** A/B - 2d red upper-left corner block of 4 with *Plate Number '5'* BW #141(OS)zd, the first unit with minor blemishes, the lower units very lightly mounted, the second unit is unmounted, Cat \$3500+ (mounted). *Ex Alex Hick*. [*Lord Vestey's* similar block sold for £1560]

The ACSC states "dangerous forgeries exist..." *Mark Knothe* has advised that these blocks were acquired from *Alex Hick*, a grazier from Kaniva (Vic) who was a major collector from the 1930s until the 1970s.

1,000

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Lot 423

423

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A B1

- 2d red upper-left corner block of 4 with Plate Number '6' BW #141(OS)ze, well centred, a couple of thins in the upper margin, all units are unmounted, Cat \$3500+ (mounted). Ex Alex Hick. [Lord Vestey's similar block sold for £1560]

1,500



Lot 424

424

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A B1

- 2d red upper-left corner block of 4 with Plate Number '7' BW #141(OS)ze, well centred, minor thin in the upper margin, all units are unmounted, Cat \$3500+ (mounted). Ex Alex Hick. [Lord Vestey's similar block sold for £1560]

1,500

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**Lot 425**

425 ** A+ B1 - 2d red upper-left corner block of 4 with *Plate Number '8'* BW #141(OS)zg, well centred, all units are unmounted, Cat \$3500+ (mounted). Superb! *Ex Alex Hick*. [The ACSC states that Plate Number '8' "does not seem to have been recorded before 1970: see note after Lot 422. Lord Vestey's similar block sold for £1560]

2,000

**Lot 426**

426 ** A - 3d blue upper-left corner block of 4 with *Plate Number '1'* BW #142(OS)z, all units are unmounted, Cat \$6000+ (mounted). Superb! *Ex Alex Hick*.

4,000

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Lot 427

427 */** A/A- - 3d blue upper-left corner block of 4 with Plate Number '2' BW #142(OS)za, well centred, the first unit with a hinge remainder otherwise unmounted, Cat \$6000+ (mounted). Ex Alex Hick. [The ACSC states that Plate Number '2' "does not seem to have been recorded before 1970"]

2,500



Lot 428

428 */** A B1 - 3d blue upper-left corner block of 6 (2x3) with Plate Number '3' BW #142(OS)zb, the fifth unit with Plane Dropping Mail Bag BW #142(OS)d, well centred, a few split/rejoined perfs in the side margin, the upper pair with a hinge remainder, the four lower units - including the variety - are unmounted, Cat \$7500+ for a mounted Plate Number block of 4 plus two unmounted singles. Ex Alex Hick.

5,000



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Lot 429

429 *** A+ - 2d red & 3d blue John Ash Imprint blocks of 4 BW #141(OS)z & 142(OS)z, the upper units are very lightly mounted, the lower units are unmounted, Cat \$9500+ (mounted). [Similar CTO blocks of 4 sold at a Melbourne auction in October 2013 for \$8050] 4,000



Lot 430

430 CL A- - 2d red & 3d blue (minor wrinkle) plus 3d Air Mail punctured 'OS' (a couple of faults) & Kingsford Smith 6d violet on cover with '[Coat of Arms]/THE SENATE' printed in red on the flap, by air to England with very fine to superb 'CANBERRA/16NO31/FCT' cds & 'SPECIAL/AIR MAIL FLIGHT/NOV/1931/AUSTRALIA-ENGLAND' cachet in violet, the central fold was made before the stamps were affixed and the Kingsford Smith 3d is unaffected, a few blemishes on the reverse, Cat \$1500 for the 2d or \$2500 for the 3d on cover. A very rare franking. 1,500

The Empire letter rate was 2d per ounce + domestic airmail supplement of 3d per half-ounce + Karachi-London airmail supplement of 6d per half-ounce = 11d. It therefore appears that the cover was 3d overpaid. However, we expect the sender intended the cover to be registered, which would account for the extra 3d.