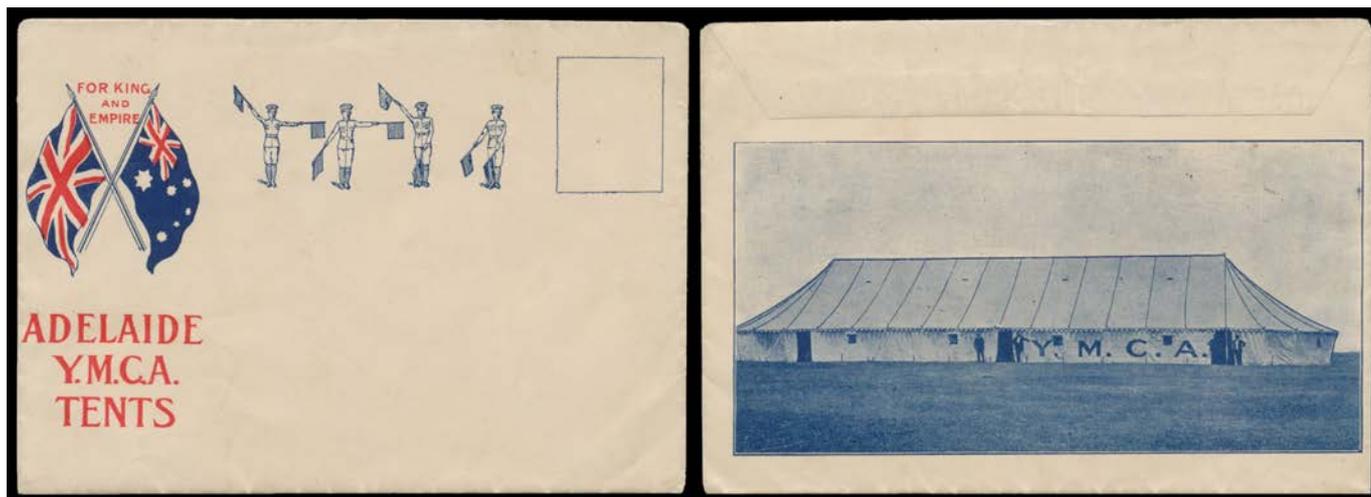


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**PRE-WAR PERIOD and MILITARY CAMPS**

Lot 784

784	C	A	<b>MILITARY CAMPS:</b> Illustrated lettersheet with 'FOR KING/AND/EMPIRE/[flags]/ADELAIDE YMCA/TENTS' on the face & a huge YMCA tent in blue on the reverse, unused (and very scarce thus). [Gary Diffen illustrated a similar lettersheet for Perth YMCA at page 7]	250
785	C	B	- Illustrated YMCA lettersheet with '[flags]/MELBOURNE YMCA/ON/ACTIVE SERVICE/...' on the face & 'YMCA Tents/The Social Service Centre of Camp/...' in blue on the reverse, the semi-literate letter headed "Broadmeadows Camp 9 light horse Reinforcements", KGV 1d red tied by manuscript cancellation & Melbourne machine cancellation applied in transit, minor opening faults.	200

**THE TROOPSHIPS - THE FIRST and SECOND CONVOYS**

Michael Blake has done personal research into the ships and the soldiers who sent the mail. This valuable background information has been retained with the various lots.



Lot 789

789	C	B	<b>FIRST CONVOY:</b> Illustrated Brisbane YMCA postcard with printed 'Troopship RANGATIRA' (A22), to NSW with Perth machine of 16NOV14 overstruck with Sydney machine of NO26-1914, tax h/s & 1d Postage Due, redirected to Melbourne, minor defects. ["Rangatira" departed Albany 1.11.2014, indicating this card was embargoed. Letter states "...we have just been informed that all our mail matters is under a strict censorship...Our Band...is to make its debut at the end of the week..."]  The sender, <i>Herbert Birch</i> , was wounded at Gallipoli & returned home on the "Aeneas" in -.10.1915.	400
792	C	C	- Use of Adelaide YMCA postcard with lengthy message headed "Aden", from "Ascanius" (A11) to South Australia but with Sydney machine of DE21-1914 & '1D'-in-circle h/s, rather battered with reinforced central fold & creasing. [At Aden, the troops were advised that mail sent from there to Australia would not be censored & that they could write whatever they liked! This consequently fascinating communication states "...We had a collision with the <i>Shropshire</i> we are lucky to be on here to write about it...it was a close thing I can tell you" and "we witnessed the fight between the <i>Sydney</i> and the <i>Emden</i> it was great the <i>Sydney</i> fixed her up in twenty minutes...". Despite the tone of the letter, after leaving Colombo, it was "Ascanius" that rammed "Shropshire"]	150
793	PS	B	- Use of Australian 1d Kangaroo Postal Card with AIF Christmas & New Year greetings printed in red & gold on the reverse, to Sydney with arrival cancel of DE7-1914, minor creasing. [The First Convoy started arriving in Egypt from 2.12.1915. The Sydney postmark suggests the card must have been sent - probably from Colombo - in a sealed bag. However, despite the AIF heading, it may also have originated in Sydney? See <i>Bob Emery</i> at page 138]	100

**FORCES IN EGYPT****Lot 797**

**797** C A- **1915 'AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE/CAIRO/1914-15'** PPC with 'Xmas Wishes' Added at Lower-Left (Type 1b), to Victoria with 5m Sphinx tied by '2nd AUST INF BDE FIELD PO/6JA15' cds, to Victoria, very minor repaired cut. A beautiful item: see Gary Diffen at pp50-51. [Note, the three sub-types all have the word 'Expeditionary' misspelt. The postcard rate was 4m but there was a shortage of 4m stamps so it is commonplace to find overpaid postcards]

300

**THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO****Ex Lot 812**

**812** C B **"OCCUPATION":** 1915 (Aug) opened-out cover & (Sep) illustrated "A Budget from Australia" Reply Letter Card - the 1d stamp has either been moved or doesn't belong - both to Sgt HS Mills in Egypt, both endorsed "Killed in Action" & with superb 'S.O.I.' (= Senior Officer Informed) handstamp in violet, DLO b/s of Melbourne & Adelaide. [The latter item states "...Eight Hours Day is to be called Anzac Day this year...& collections are to be taken for the returned wounded...", the first such reference we have seen to an Anzac Day in 1915! *Sergeant Mills* was killed on 6.8.1915, during the first assault on Lone Pine] (2)

300

**AUSTRALIAN COLONIES/STATES - General & Miscellaneous Lots**

825 CPS A/B **Queensland Fleet Card CTO** (rare thus but stupidly addressed), Victoria STO Envelopes 1901 1d rose for *Shire of Colac* and 1892 2d rose *Error of Colour*, & a few covers, condition variable. (9 items)

300

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**WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Postal History**

1139	CL	C	<b>1897</b> overweight cover to "Black Flag South Gold Mine/Black Flag" with very scarce franking of 3d & 1/- tied by oval 'REGISTERED LETTER BRANCH/25JUN1897/POST OFFICE, ALBANY, WA' d/s (PMI #ORS2b) in violet, Kalgoorlie b/s but sadly with no Black Flag arrival, slightly truncated at left & a bit crumpled possibly from storage in a miner's vest pocket.	400
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**FALKLAND ISLANDS**

1201	PS	B	<b>1933</b> usage of blue/white formular Registration Envelope size H, to Switzerland with rare franking of Centenary 1/- Government House (Cat £100 x5+), the registration label damaged on opening, minor blemishes. [A philatelic registered cover with the 6d Whale sold at auction in -/11/2014 for £456]	300
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