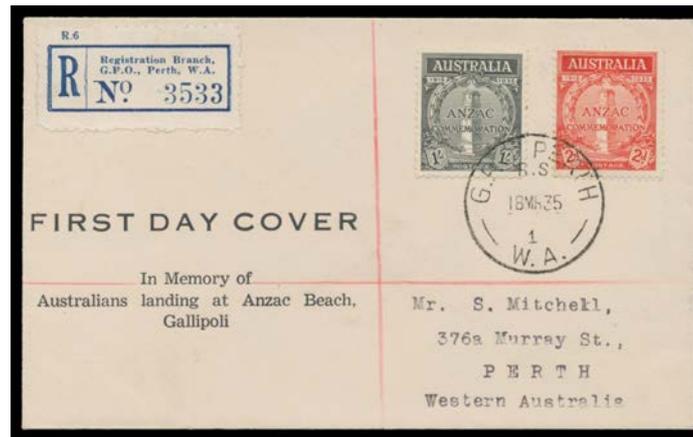


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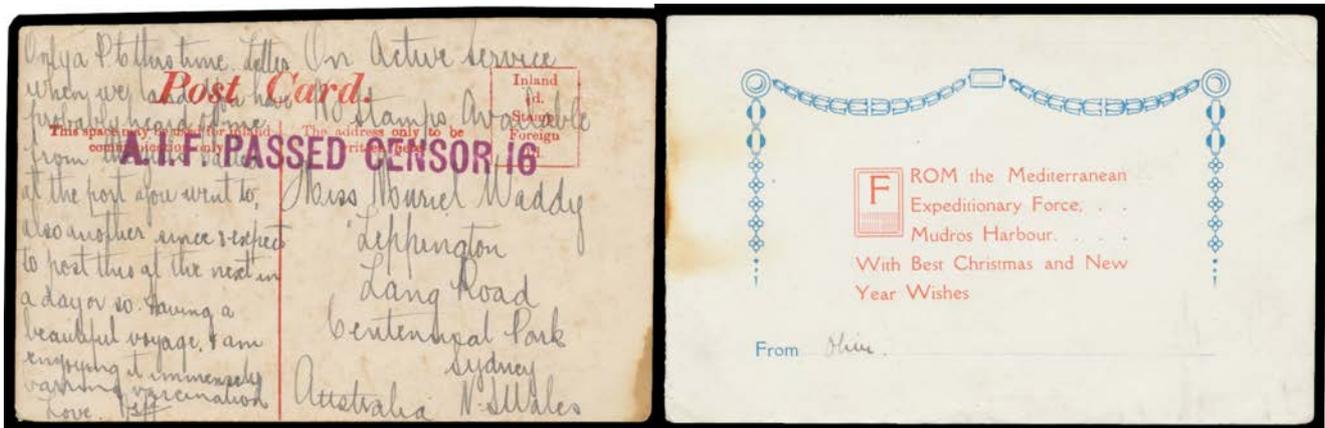
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Other Pre-Decimals**Lot 659**

659 C A+ 1935 ANZAC 2d & 1/- with Perth cds of 18MR35 on Mitchell printed FDC, registered. Superb!

350

AUSTRALIA & THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN

The lots in this and the following sections are from the Large Gold Medal exhibit formed by Michael Blake from Adelaide. References to Gary Diffen are in respect of his book "...the Australian Military Campaign at Gallipoli" (2015).

**Ex Lot 778**

778 CPS* The balance of Michael Blake's exhibit pages & loose material with better items including First Convoy embargoed cover & Melbourne YMCA lettersheet datelined "Aden 29 Nov 1914", Third Convoy postcards x4, range of covers used in Egypt, unusual usage of 1d Kangaroo Postal Card from Mudros, two small photographs of horses being landed at Mudros, Christmas card with internal panorama of Mudros Harbour, two Gallipoli items including a postcard of 3DE15 that states "Weather very cold...in fact snowing", etc, also 1935 ANZAC 2d & 1/- imprint blocks (toning), etc, condition rather mixed. (72 items)

500

PREPARATIONS ON LEMNOS

802 C **ADVANCE PARTY:** Exhibit pages with (Mar-Apr) postcards x4 (one of HMAT "Suffolk" with the ship's name cut-out) & a cover (repaired tear) all with 'PASSED BY/CENSOR' h/s in violet x3 or rosine x2. Scarce group. [The 3rd Infantry Brigade left Egypt on 28.2.1915, arriving at Lemnos on 5.3.2015. The 2-line censor cachet was used only on Lemnos, & only prior to the landings on Gallipoli] (5)

150

803 C **BRITISH CENSOR CACHETS:** Exhibit pages with (April) postcards x5 (one of HMT "Galeka" with the ship's name obliterated) & covers x2 (one with a nasty repaired tear, the other from Lt Clement Lane, who was killed 25.4.1915, during the first assault on Gallipoli) all with British-pattern square 'PASSED BY/[crown]/No.../CENSOR' h/s in rosine comprising No 2202 x3 (one on card dated "9/4/15", being the earliest recorded date of usage of any of this type: confirmed by Gary Diffen at page 58), No 2204, No 2208, No 2209 & No 2214, condition variable. [On 8.4.1915, prior to leaving Egypt, all the Australian Battalions were issued with this style of censor cachet] (7)

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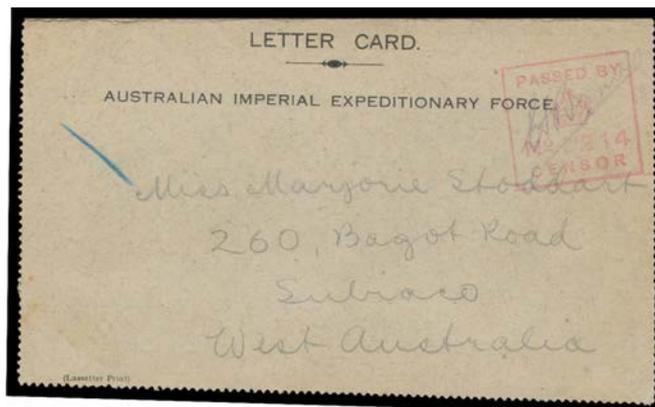
804 C (A-) - 1915 (Apr 18) OAS cover with very fine 'AUST & NZ ARMY CORPS/HEADQUARTERS/FIELD PO' cds & superb boxed Censor No 2208 h/s in rosine, to Switzerland with Zurich arrival b/s, superb 'T' h/s & mss "20" in blue, Swiss Postage Due 20c tied by Zurich cds, minor repaired tear at the top. [Free postage extended only to British Empire destinations]

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PREPARATIONS ON LEMNOS (continued)

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**Lot 805**

- 805** PS A - 1915 (Apr 21) usage of stampless 'LETTER CARD/AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE' to Perth without a datestamp, boxed Censor No 2214 h/s in rosin. A rare item. [From a member of the *3rd Infantry Brigade* who states "...the battalion has the honour of breaking the ice for the Australian Division when we do get going...rather in the way of a silver lining to a pretty dark cloud, for it will be pretty rough work..." A classic understatement!]

250

**Lot 806**

- 806** PS A- - 1915 (Nov 2) unusual usage of a Greek 10L Postal Card with Censor No 2882 h/s of a British unit counter-signed "JL Anderson" & slightly overstruck with British Army Post Office cds (number illegible), minor blemishes. A marvellous item. [Message headed "Lemnos" & states "Fancy writing Xmas Cards this early...it takes six weeks to reach Australia...Parcels usually arrive a mail later..."]

250

THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO**Ex Lot 807**

- 807** C A/A- **THE LANDINGS:** Real Photo postcards comprising "Australians Disembarking at Anzac Cove" (ten landing craft being towed towards the beach), "Landing at Anzac Cove (Gallipoli) 25th April 1915", "Dug Outs at Anzac Cove Dardenelles", "Anzac Cove, Dardenelles" & "Anzac Cove" (troops & light railway on the beach), all unused; also an artist card "Australian Troops Leaping Ashore from the Warships' Boats" (used under cover); and three cards reproducing Cairo newspaper photographs "With the Australians at Gaba Tepe", "Not Unlike Albany: the Australian Base at Gaba Tepe" & an uncaptioned shot of a field hospital at the base of cliffs; finally a box-brownie photo of the invasion fleet & four *Triumph* (magazine) cards of Gallipoli subjects. [The last 3 postcards sent under cover with an interesting **eye-witness letter**: "...Johnny Turk is going to take a lot of beating...in the last advance in the trenches the lads found bones of fowls and all kinds of luxuries. They seem to have plenty of ammunition again..."] (**14 items**)

500

THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description Est \$A



Ex Lot 808

808 C **"OCCUPATION"**: Exhibit pages with postcards including Field Service types & covers including green privilege types (one with two enclosed letters, one of them the reply-half of a Dardenelles Letter Sheet), some datelined as originating at Gallipoli & all the others identified from the various datestamps & square Censor handstamps, also two makeshift postcards fashioned from scraps of cardboard (one to England), a few bear evidence of censorship, condition variable. [Some interesting & poignant messages. One card headed "The Trenches" states "Things are pretty quiet here"; a month later the sender had died of injuries sustained at Lone Pine. Another: "...A lot of people die very sudden here must be something in the air" (bullets?). Another: "...[parcels] get a very rough handling". **(40 items)**

1,000



Ex Lot 809

809 C B - 1915 (June & July) homemade envelopes fashioned from a piece of lined writing paper or from a full page of the locally produced "Peninsula News", both with '1st AUST INF BDE FIELD PO' cds & boxed Censor No 2202 or 2205 h/s in rosine, the first to NSW with 'NEWTOWN' arrival b/s, the other to Egypt with Alexandria & Cairo b/s. [By July there was an acute shortage of paper & the troops began using whatever was available for their correspondence] **(2)**

250



Lot 810

810 C B - 1915 (May) *Silverton Tramway Co* cover from Broken Hill to *Sapper LW Avery* in Egypt from where sent to Gallipoli, the postage crossed through, the original opening at the top **stitched with green yarn** (!) & the cover re-addressed to the sender's father in NSW, light part-cds of 5DE15 & boxed Censor No 2222 h/s in rosine, minor faults. A truly remarkable item showing real initiative.

400

THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO (continued)

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**Lot 811**

- 811** C (C) - 1915 (Dec 6) crudely produced postcard from "Sig Newman/3rd Sig Troop/3rd LH Bde" to "Pte Les Frayne/4th LH Field Ambulance/Gallipoli" with part-cds in reddish purple & British square Censor No 2627 h/s in violet, ironed-out & reinforced creasing presumably as a result of being stuffed in the recipient's pocket. A very rare item, being the only Gallipoli "local letter" we have seen! [The writer states "...let me know where to find you & I'll trot along for a yarn..."]

100

**Ex Lot 812**

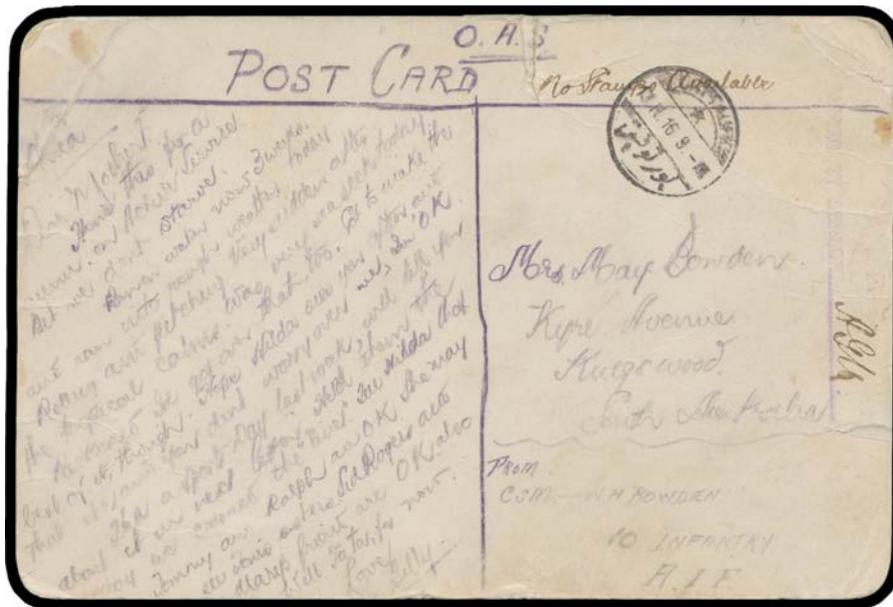
- 812** C B - 1915 (Aug) opened-out cover & (Sep) illustrated "A Budget from Australia" Reply Letter Card - the 1d stamp has either been moved or doesn't belong - both to Sgt HS Mills in Egypt, both endorsed "Killed in Action" & with superb 'S.O.I.' (= Senior Officer Informed) handstamp in violet, DLO 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

THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO (continued)

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Ex Lot 813

813 C

REINFORCEMENTS: Exhibit pages for the Fourth to Sixteenth Troopship Convoys with postcards (mostly) & covers identified by ship & convoy, many with AIF censor handstamps including scarce types notably 'A.I.F./Passed by Censor No 40' & crowned-oval 'PASSED BY...LIEUT-COLONEL/CHIEF CENSOR/THE CENSOR' h/s, postmarks including undated 'AIF/POSTAGE/FREE' h/s of Fremantle & 'AI FORCES POSTAGE FREE/VIC' cds, a few YMCA items, Gratuitous Distribution OAS Letter Card with Poem on the Reverse, the best item is an oversize makeshift postcard fashioned from a ship's menu card from the "Borda" (A30; 16th Convoy), condition variable; also 14 mostly unused postcards of various troopships. [Throughout the Gallipoli Campaign, reinforcements continued to arrive, but in ever-diminishing numbers, reflecting the waning enthusiasm "back Home" for what had become a pointless war of attrition both at Gallipoli & on the Western Front] **(55 items)**

1,000



Ex Lot 814

814 C

CASUALTIES: Exhibit pages of postcards & covers with Hospital cachets including ovoid 'FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL' x3 (one is superb) at Heliopolis, ovoid 'SECOND AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL' at Mena House, '3rd AUXILIARY HOSPITAL/HELIOPOLIS/AIF', oval 'No 1 AUXILIARY/CONVALESCENT DEPOT' (Sep 1915) at Abbassia & another apparently with the top line excised (Oct 1915), two items from HMHS "Assaye" one with oval 'HM HOSPITAL SHIP/ASSAYE' h/s, etc, and a PPC from a Nurse who asks for "...a new pair of feet...mine are too tired for anything", condition variable; also *JW Beattie (Hobart)* real photo postcard of C Section 3rd Field Ambulance members & real photo PPC of a huge ward full of sick soldiers. **(21 items)**

500

THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO (continued)

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**Lot 815**

815	C	B	- Real Photo PPC of soldiers with snow-covered trenches & artillery piece, sent under cover headed "25-2-16/Egypt" with message that states "...This is a photo from the Dardenelles the week the snow fell it is one of the 8th Battery's guns...". An amazing photograph! [On 27th & 28th November, severe storms developed into blizzards. More than 280 men died & there were some 16,000 cases of frostbite & exposure, a situation that strongly influenced the decision to withdraw from the Peninsula]	100
816	L	C	- Five-page eye-witness account headed "Suvla Bay/4.12.15" speaks of the previous week's storms, of damage to hospital tents on the beach & flooding there, and "...we had another storm next day which happened to be worse...so the Hospital people decided to shift up on to the high ground...& the poor beggars have been shelled nearly every day since...the rain came down in torrents...we had about 7 inches in an hour, & the trenches were just small rivers & they are quite eight feet deep, the men were laying on the top... the snow was quite thick on the ground & had sleet all Sunday, & the wind was very cold which was the worst part of it all, & on the Monday...everything was frozen..." A wonderful if somewhat aged document. [The writer was <i>Herbert Bowden</i> of the <i>RAN Bridging Train</i> . Remarkably, the only comment that was censored was the number of patients evacuated]	300
817	L	(B)	- Eight-page (octavo) eye-witness account headed "Hospital Ship/Karapara/.../2 December 1915" that states "...the Turks countermined one of our tunnels & blew it up...we were at it all night, two men at a time lying down behind sandbags firing over them & two men shoving the bags forward...The fumes of the bombs & cartridges made the men lose consciousness, & then they had to be pulled out & other men take their places...The cold was severe...the ground was covered with snow...[a piece of shrapnel] hit me on the back...just like someone hitting me as hard as he could with a hammer...I walked about half a mile to the hospital...We have over 500 patients on board...Some have jaundice, a very common complaint at Gallipoli...[If] the men in the trenches are beaten it will be by the cold...", a bit aged & reinforced with archival tape along the folds. [The writer was <i>Captain Ronald Smith</i> : see next lot]	200

**Ex Lot 818**

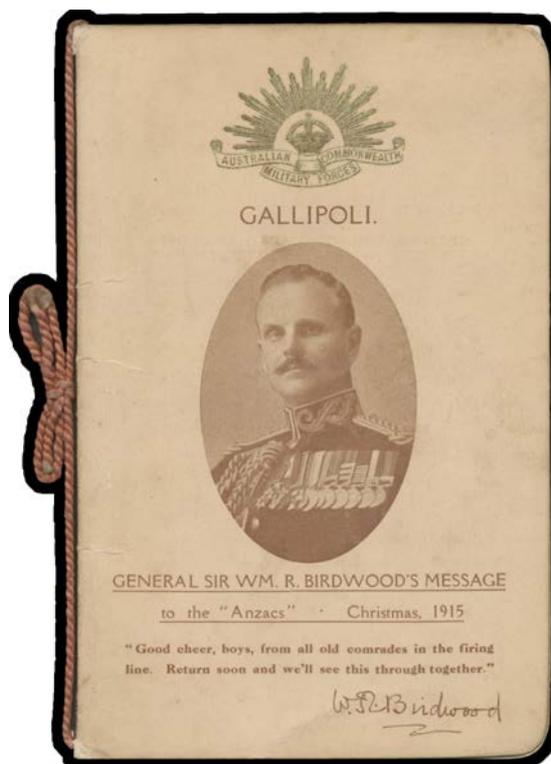
818	C		- MALTA : 1915-16 <i>Capt Ronald Smith</i> Correspondence comprising 9.10.15 from Tasmania forwarded to "Verdala Hospital/Malta", 10.12.1915 registered from Malta to Tasmania, 15.12.1915 inwards from Egypt with British 'ARMY POST OFFICE/SZ7' cds used at Valletta, 17.1.1916 & 11.2.1916 registered covers from Sicily to Tasmania (one illustrated for <i>Excelsior Palace Hotel</i> at Palermo, the other with <i>Italian Red Cross</i> 5c label, 20.3.1916 & 28.3.1916 registered usage of both parts of a Dardenelles Reply Letterette, and 3.5.1916 to <i>Captain Smith</i> on Hospital Ship "Karoola" at Adelaide but redirected to Melbourne (& a PPC of the ship), condition variable including filing holes. (9 items)	400
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THE GALLIPOLI FIASCO (continued)

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**Lot 819**

819	C	B	- 1915 undated <i>St John Ambulance</i> chromolitho PPC of a nurse attending to wounded soldiers, message headed "Imtarfa Hospital Malta", to South Australia with superb large-part 'ON ACTIVE SERVICE/ + /MEDTN' cachet in violet, minor bends. Gorgeous! [See <i>Gary Diffen</i> at page 133]	250
820	C/L		EVACUATION and REPATRIATION: Exhibit pages with a typed transcript headed "Lemnos Is 8.1.16" regarding the evacuation, plus postcards x3 & covers x2 from Gallipoli veterans returned to Egypt; also ephemera "The Gallipoli Letter Card" with 6 black & white photos within, and two commemorative programmes for Anzac Day 1916 commemorations; condition variable. (13 items)	250

**Lot 821**

821	C	A-	- Christmas 1915 'GALLIPOLI/GENERAL SIR WM R BIRDWOOD'S MESSAGE' booklet with central "Coo-ee to Australia" illustration by "Corpl Fullwood", various printed messages including from <i>General Sir Ian Hamilton</i> "...the Australians who have fought at Gallipoli will bequeath a heritage of honour to their children's children", very minor blemishes. Not previously seen by us.	200
822	C	A-	- 1916 <i>HW Cave</i> PPC of "No 1 Australian Hospital Ship/ <i>Karoola</i> " from a wounded Australian soldier to England.	100