

Lot Type Grading Description

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Military - World War I

Lot 750

750 PS B **1915** usage of 1d Roo Postal Card with three different Prisoner of War handstamps in green, to West Sumatra but apparently missent to GB where superb 'PRISONERS OF WAR/[crown]/INFORMATION BUREAU' cachet applied, unusual usage of LONDON WC OFFICIAL PAID' cds in red indicating POW mail was free, superb 'SIBOLGA' arrival cds, corner bends at upper-right & lower-left. A most unusual POW usage to an unusual destination. [The letter, in English, states "...The number of letters we may write is much restricted but there is no limit for letters from abroad. All the prisoners here have to work 4 hours every day with axe and shovel...The war has cost me...a great deal of money..."]

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CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Lot 1180

1180 PS A **1961** usage of 30c Registration Envelope with QEII 50c tied by #1 cds, addressed to "Greenacres/SA" (= South Australia), Singapore transit b/s where it seems the address was amended to "USA", American 'FORM 3983 ISSUED/("Greenacres Wash")', 'Retour (Return to Writer)' & 'Returned from Los Angeles Calif/No....State Named' handstamps all in purple. Because the sender's address is on the flap as Melbourne, it was sent there. However, the last backstamp is of Launceston which, in the absence of any readdressing, indicates that the sender had moved & his mail was forwarded in a closed bag. Truly one from the weird & wonderful files!

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