

Lot Type Grading Description

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PRE-WAR PERIOD and MILITARY CAMPS**Lot 787**

787 C A- **MILITARY CAMPS:** 1915 (Oct 7) OHMS cover from Adelaide with KGV 1d red perf 'OS', to "2nd Depot Batt/Belmont/West Australia", large very fine strike of the rubber 'MILITARY CAMP, ASCOT/19OCT1915/WESTERN AUSTRALIA' arrival b/s (ERD; RO period) in violet & 'OCT 20 1915' date h/s on the face in the same ink, redirected to "Blackboy Hill" with very fine arrival cds on the face, superb 'UNCLAIMED' h/s & returned to the sender. A very desirable cover.

Ascot Camp was at *Belmont Racecourse*. *Haynes & Pope* state that a Receiving Office opened 20.10.1915, the day **after** this cover was serviced there; was raised to a PO in -.11.1915; closed -.2.1917. Blackboy Hill civilian PO was taken over by the Military as an RO on 29.8.1914; to PO 11.9.1914; closed 30.11.1918. Examples of the Ascot Camp **steel** cds on piece only sold for \$470 & \$616 at the *Prestige* auctions of 17.5.2003 & 26.9.2003 respectively. The rubber cds is much scarcer & this is only the second example on cover that we have recorded. *Haynes & Pope* state it "was not a postal marking", but the two covers recorded counter this statement.