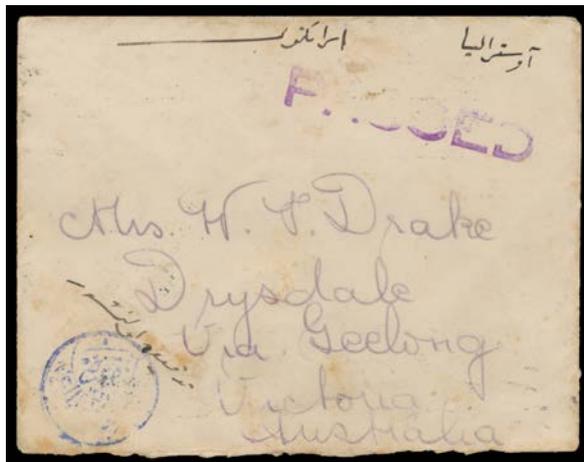


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AUSTRALIAN POWs IN TURKEY

Only 69 Australians were held as POWs by the Turks. Mail is rare. Gary Diffen in "The Australian Military Campaign at Gallipoli" (2015) identifies only 10 outwards items, six from Pte Sidney Drake: see pp139-141. At pp142-3 he states that only two inwards covers to POWs ex Gallipoli have been recorded]



Lot 648

648 C C 1915 stampless cover with Arabic endorsemments to Victoria with bilingual '.../30.9.1915/ANGORA' and 'STAMBOUL/DEPART' cds & Constantinople machine backstamps, Stamboul circular censor cachet in blue & 'PASSED' h/s in violet applied at Melbourne, flap removed & a bit soiled still quite presentable.

1,000^T

Lot 649

649 C B - stampless flimsy cover endorsed "[via] Geneva Switzerland" to Sydney with Stamboul double-boxed censor cachet & white/red censor wafer on the flap, Austrian triangular censor cachet in rosine & faint London transit marking of NOV 30 15 at the top, minor faults. A great rarity, being **only the second cover we have recorded from a member of the crew of the submarine AE2**: confirmed by Gary Diffen at page 141. [With a superb unused contemporary PPC of the submarine]

AE2 was completed in February 1914. With a crew of 3 officers & 27 seamen, it was deployed in the Dardenelles Campaign. Sinking a Turkish vessel on the way, it was the first Allied vessel to enter the Sea of Marmara where it operated, albeit unsuccessfully, for five days. Eventually it was disabled by a torpedo boat, the "Sultan Hissar". The captain scuttled his vessel & the entire crew were rescued, although four died in captivity. AE2 was the only *Royal Australian Navy* vessel lost to enemy action in World War I.

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AUSTRALIAN POWs IN TURKEY (continued)

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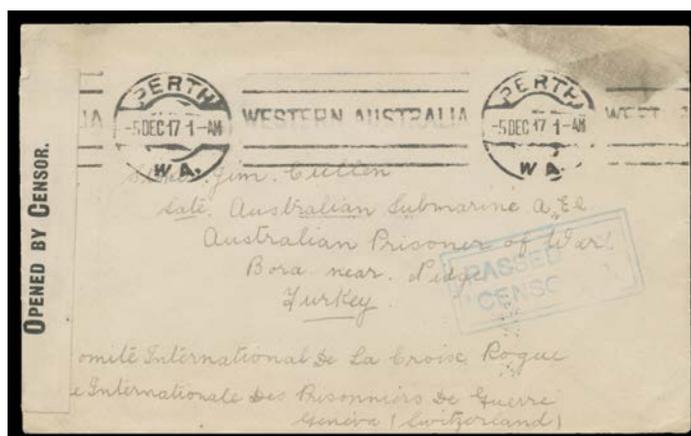
Lot 650

650 PS A- 1916 usage of KGV 1d Postal Card to an officer with the 15th Infantry Battalion c/- the American Embassy at Constantinople with KGV 1/2d added & tied by 'ALBION/22JA16/QUEENSLAND' cds & 'PASSED CENSOR/24JA16/BRISBANE' cds in red, British POW cachet also in red, minor corner bend. Gorgeous!

750^T

Lot 651

651 C A - cover to a member of the 4th Infantry Brigade at Constantinople c/- Red Cross in Switzerland with 2 1/2d Roo tied by 'BOX HILL/16NO16/VIC' cds & 'PASSED' h/s in violet applied at Melbourne. Remarkably fine

600^T

Lot 652

652 C A- 1917 cover to "Stoker Jim Cullen/late Australian Submarine AE2/.../Bora near Nidge/Turkey" c/- Red Cross in Switzerland with Perth machine cancel of 5DEC17, black/white 'AIF/OPENED BY CENSOR' label & double boxed 'PASSED BY/CENSOR 3' cachet in green, Geneva b/s of 6-11/1918, minor stain at upper-right. [With a modern print from an Imperial War Museum photograph of the AE2]

1,000^T

AUSTRALIAN POWs IN TURKEY (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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**Lot 653**

653 PS A- **NEW ZEALAND FORCES:** 1918 usage of KGV "Star" 1d Envelope to a member of the *Wellington Infantry Battalion* c/- the *Red Cross* in Switzerland with 'BACKWATER/13JU1918/NSW' cds & black/white 'OPENED BY CENSOR' label, repaired flap fault. [Neil Russell has advised that there were only 7 New Zealand POWs in Turkey, all captured during the Dardenelles Campaign. Very few items of mail have been recorded to or from the New Zealanders]

1,000^T