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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - WORLD WAR II - CIVIL CENSORSHIP

We are pleased to offer the collection formed by Neil Russell from England. This is one of the finest and most extensive such collections we have seen. References are to "British Empire Civil Censorship Devices" by John Little (2008), to which Neil Russell was a significant contributor.

427	C	A-	NEW SOUTH WALES - SYDNEY: 1941 (Apr & July) airmail covers to Forces in Palestine with machine-backstamps 'NOT OPENED BY CENSOR/ 2 ' or '2 PASSED BY CENSOR 1100'. Scarce markings that were apparently introduced on a trial basis but not continued on a permanent basis. [David Collyer has demonstrated that the machine used had previously been in service at the post office at Lismore NSW] (2)	200 ^T
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476	C	A-	1942 (June 12) cover to a Lesotho woman in Basutoland (!) with Australia 1d & 9d tied by 'AUS FPO 34' cds in use at Tripoli (Lebanon) & FPO No 34 registration cachet in violet, 'LERIBE' transit & 'PITSENG' arrival b/s. An extraordinary origin/destination cover. The sender was presumably a Basuto native, probably serving with South African Forces. [Ted Proud records FPO 34 at Tripoli 14.1.1942-26.6.1942 only]	150
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