

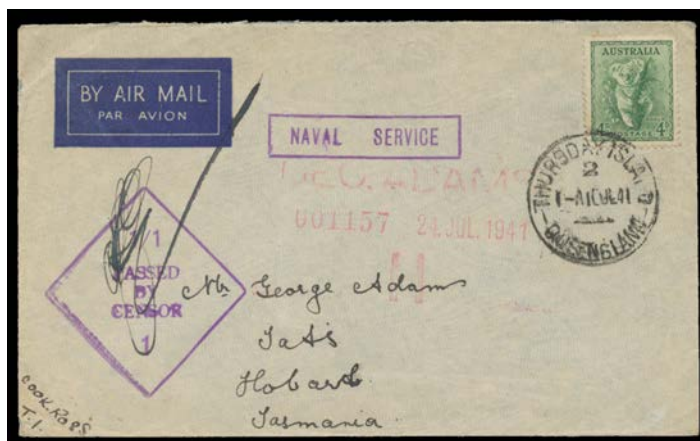
Lot Type Grading Description

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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.

436 C A/B **QUEENSLAND - THURSDAY ISLAND:** An uncensored cover to South Africa; then censored at Brisbane with 'PASSED' h/s & Sydney; censored on the island with the rare ' 1/1 /PASSED/BY/CENSOR/ 1 ' cachet & boxed 'NAVAL SERVICE' h/s; philatelic cover with diamond cachet of Brisbane with no censor's number (stated to have been used only on mail from the Island); finally two Army covers processed through the civilian post office with manuscript "Censored/[signature]" or boxed 'PASSED/BY/UNIT CENSOR' cachet; generally fine to very fine. [John Little had only one cover with the ' 1/1 ' cachet; it sold at the *Prestige* auction of 5.3.2011 for \$690. (7)

450<sup>T</sup>

Ex Lot 437

437 C A/A- - Two different *AO Line* illustrated advertising covers by domestic airmail (one uncensored, the other censored at Townsville with ' 1/2 /...' label - ERD - & ' 1/2 ' cachet); July 1941 airmail to Hobart with superb 'NAVAL SERVICE' h/s & very fine strike of the rare ' 1/1 /PASSED/BY/CENSOR/ 1 ' cachet; and 1941 PPC to the USA with ' 1 / PASSED/BY/CENSOR' cachet with No Number at the Base (of Brisbane but stated to be applied only to mail from Thursday Island). (4)

500<sup>T</sup>

438 C (B) - 1940 (Aug) surface cover to Victoria with the very rare 'OPENED BY CENSOR' label with Ten Dots & boxed 'PASSED BY/CENSOR 1' cachet allocated by *John Little* to Brisbane but it may have been used on the Island, repaired opening tears.

250<sup>T</sup>

439 C A- - 1940 (Aug) airmail cover to Western Australia with boxed 'NAVAL SERVICE' h/s & light but very fine strike of the rare ' 1/1 /PASSED/BY/CENSOR/ 1 ' cachet in violet

250<sup>T</sup>

Lot 440

440 C A- - 1941 (May) philatelic cover to the USA with remarkable combination of the very rare 'OPENED BY CENSOR' label with Ten Dots & ' 1/1 /PASSED/BY/CENSOR/ 2 ' cachet. [John Little had no example of either the label or the #2 cachet]

400<sup>T</sup>

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - WORLD WAR II - CIVIL CENSORSHIP (continued)

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Lot 441

**441** C B - 1942 airmail cover to Perth with 5½d Emu tied by 'FIELD PO/23NO42/0101' cds, civil censor '1/1' label tied by superb '1/1/PASSED/BY/CENSOR/1' cachet in blue, minor blemishes & opened-out. The only example of the label recorded by *John Little*.

300<sup>T</sup>

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Military - World War II

484 C **THURSDAY ISLAND:** Covers from the island's Forces post offices comprising 'FIELD PO/094' x4 (one to Bermuda with small '1'-in-circle = Not Opened by Censor h/s of Brisbane), 'FIELD PO/0101' x6 (one registered), 'FIELD PO/162', 'AUST ARMY PO/197' & boxed 'UNIT POSTAL STATION/S101', various Army (mostly) or Navy censor markings, condition variable. (12)

250<sup>T</sup>

Lot 485

**485** C B - 1942 airmail cover to Sydney with superb strike of the rare '1/1/PASSED/BY/CENSOR/1' cachet in blue, the stamps washed-off, roneo'd 'DAMAGED MAIL/SALVAGED FROM SEA/["signature"] Sgt/FPO 0101' label tied to the reverse by 'FIELD PO/12DE42/0101' cds. Only four examples recorded: absent from *Rodney Perry's* collection. [FPO 101 was based only on Thursday Island, with usage of the cds recorded 4AU42 until 31OC43. On 9.12.1942, an Australian-built "Beaufort" bomber of 7 Squadron ditched in the sea between Horn & Wednesday Islands, north of Thursday Island]

500<sup>T</sup>

**QUEENSLAND****Ex Lot 718****718** \*Ω A/B

**LOCAL STAMPS:** c.1870 (?) Torres Strait Settlements 4c pale blue block of 12 (4x3, straight edge at top), 16c yellow-green block of 15 (3x5, straight edges at top & base), 24c violet block of 10 (2x5, straight edges at top & base) and 36c carmine block of 8 (2x4, straight edge at top), some perf separation/rejoining, a few surface faults, the 16c with large-part o.g. otherwise with no gum. Ex "*Brussels Find*".

The *Brussels Find* of "Cinderella" material surfaced in Belgium in 2013. It included a packet of Torres Strait Settlement labels that were stuck fast in a stiff paper "pancake". Some had been damaged as a result of a misguided attempt to separate them: they were discarded. As a result of being soaked, most of the labels now have no gum. Remarkably, not a single example of the 2c brown was included in the Find. An irregular block of 15 of the 24c & a block of 8 of the 36c sold at the *Prestige* auction of 7.2.2014 for \$529 & \$333 respectively. **(4 blocks)**

1,250<sup>T</sup>

QUEENSLAND (continued)

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Lot 719

719 Ω A/A- - c.1870 (?) Torres Strait Settlements 4c blue (a deeper shade than the block in the previous lot) complete sheetlet of 20 (4x5; missing the upper-right corner unit) with straight edges at the top & the base, a few split/rejoined perfs, minor blemishes, no gum. [Prior to the emergence of the *Brussels Find*, the sheet format was not known]

500<sup>T</sup>