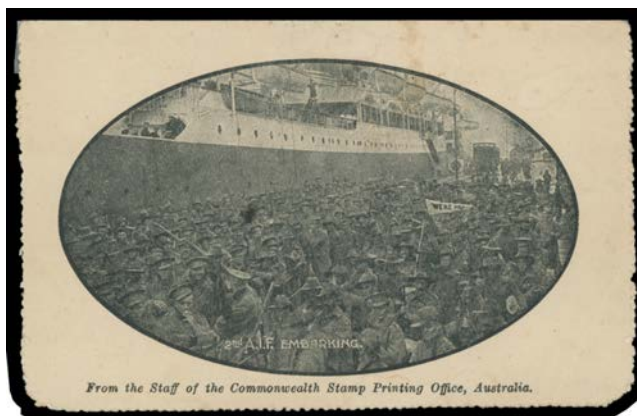


Lot Type Grading Description

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LETTER CARDS - Stampless OAS Gratuitous Distribution Letter Cards

These scarce cards were produced the forms were printed by Stamp Printing Office staff in their own time, to be given to the troops, & were therefore not issued by the Post Office. Being prepared after February 1915 when the Forces free postal concession was introduced, they did not require a stamp impression. They belong in any serious collection of Letter Cards, and should be listed in the ACSC.



Lot 2172

2172 PS B '2nd AIF EMBARKING' (Massed Troops with 'WE'RE HERE' Flag): Plate A in black on stampless Gratuitous Distribution OAS Letter Card used from "France" to Tasmania with British FPO 3W cds & hexagonal censor h/s, Launceston censor h/s & superb 'LATROBE/TASMANIA' arrival cds, forwarded to Sydney, reinforced along the central fold, minor blemishes. Not listed in the ACSC because We consider this distinction to lack substance]

The message - references to location obliterated - states "...It will be nice to be in a civilised land again. None of us were sorry to leave the sand & smells of Egypt..." He was to learn there was nothing civilised about the Western Front.

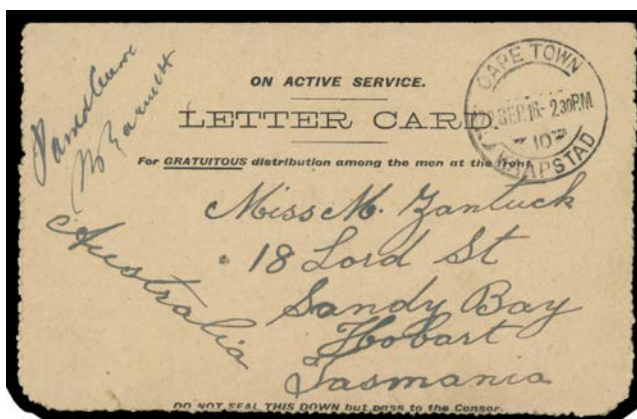
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Lot 2173

2173 PS B - Plate A in purple-brown on stampless Gratuitous Distribution OAS Letter Card addressed to South Australia but with no postal markings & reinforced along a central vertical fold. **The only recorded example in purple-brown.** [The full message headed "July 18th 1916/Egypt" states "...a nice mail of twenty letters came to hand last night...the letters were dated from June 4th to June 14th..."]

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Lot 2174

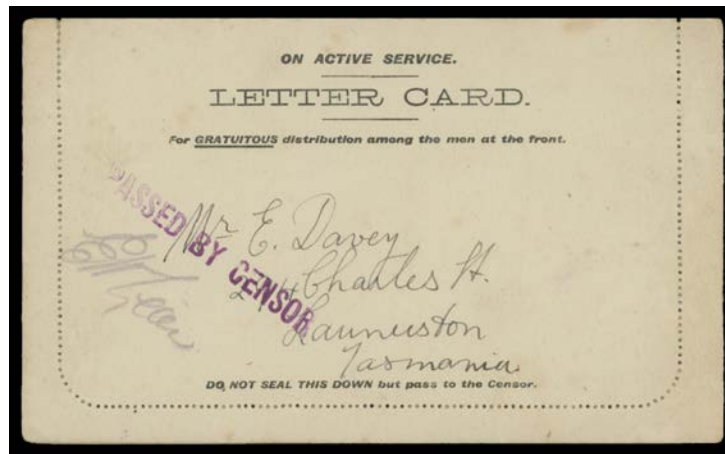
2174 PS A- **POEM ON THE REVERSE:** On thin unsurfaced pale buff stock with 'CAPE TOWN/22SEP16/KAAPSTAD' cds & manuscript "Passed Censor/M Barnett" (?), very minor blemishes.

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LETTER CARDS - Stampless OAS Gratuitous Distribution Letter Cards (continued)

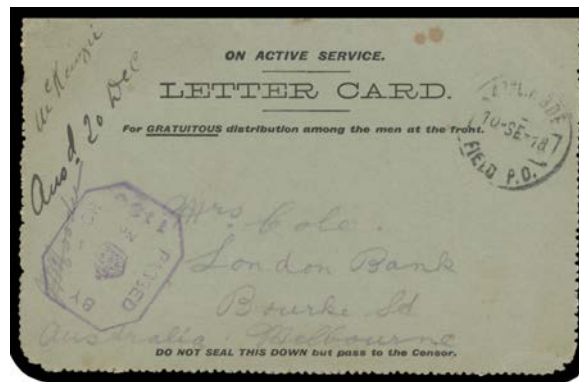
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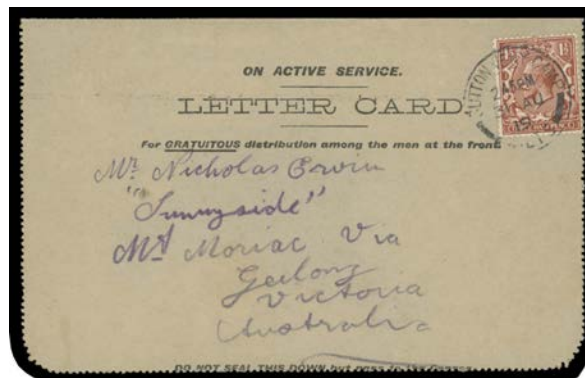
2175 PS A - On thick unsurfaced off-white stock to Tasmania with 'PASSED BY CENSOR' h/s in violet & message headed "At Sea", remarkably for such issues with the margins intact.

250

**Lot 2176**

2176 PS B - On thick semi-surfaced dark grey stock to Victoria with '4TH LH BDE/10SE18/FIELD PO' cds, British censor h/s in violet, minor defects.

200

**Lot 2177**

2177 PS A - On thick unsurfaced pale grey stock, post-Armistice usage most unusually with GB 1½d tied by 'SUTTON VENY CAMP/31AU/19/WILTS' cds. [The writer states "...I am sailing about the 5 Sept on the Plessey...we are going through the Suez Canal where the Euripides is sailing around the Cape..."]

250