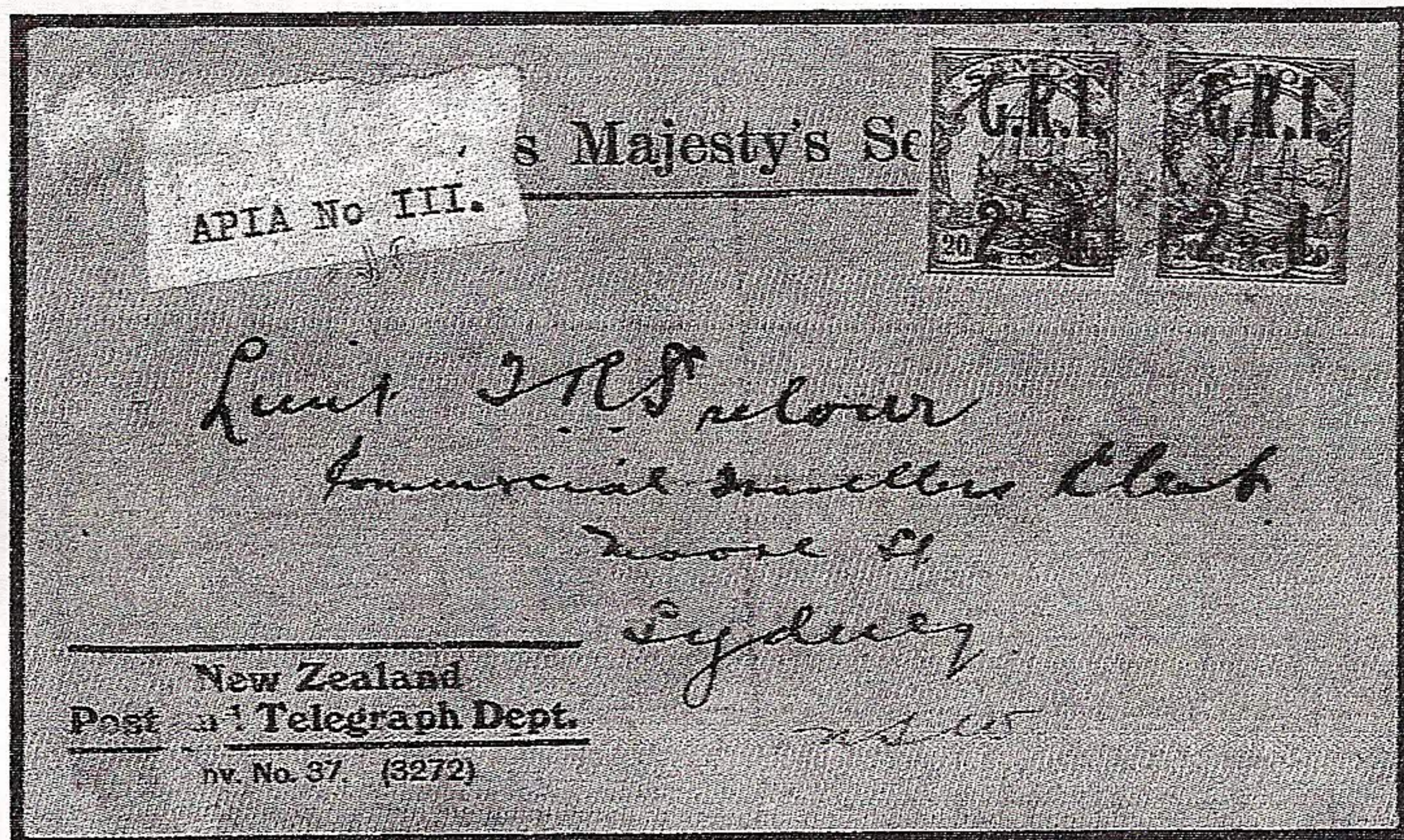


Provisional Registration Markings in 1914 (continued)

Lot 2432 from the Schuyley Rumsey auction of the Jack Hughes collection was a letter to Australia with a typed label "APIA No III."

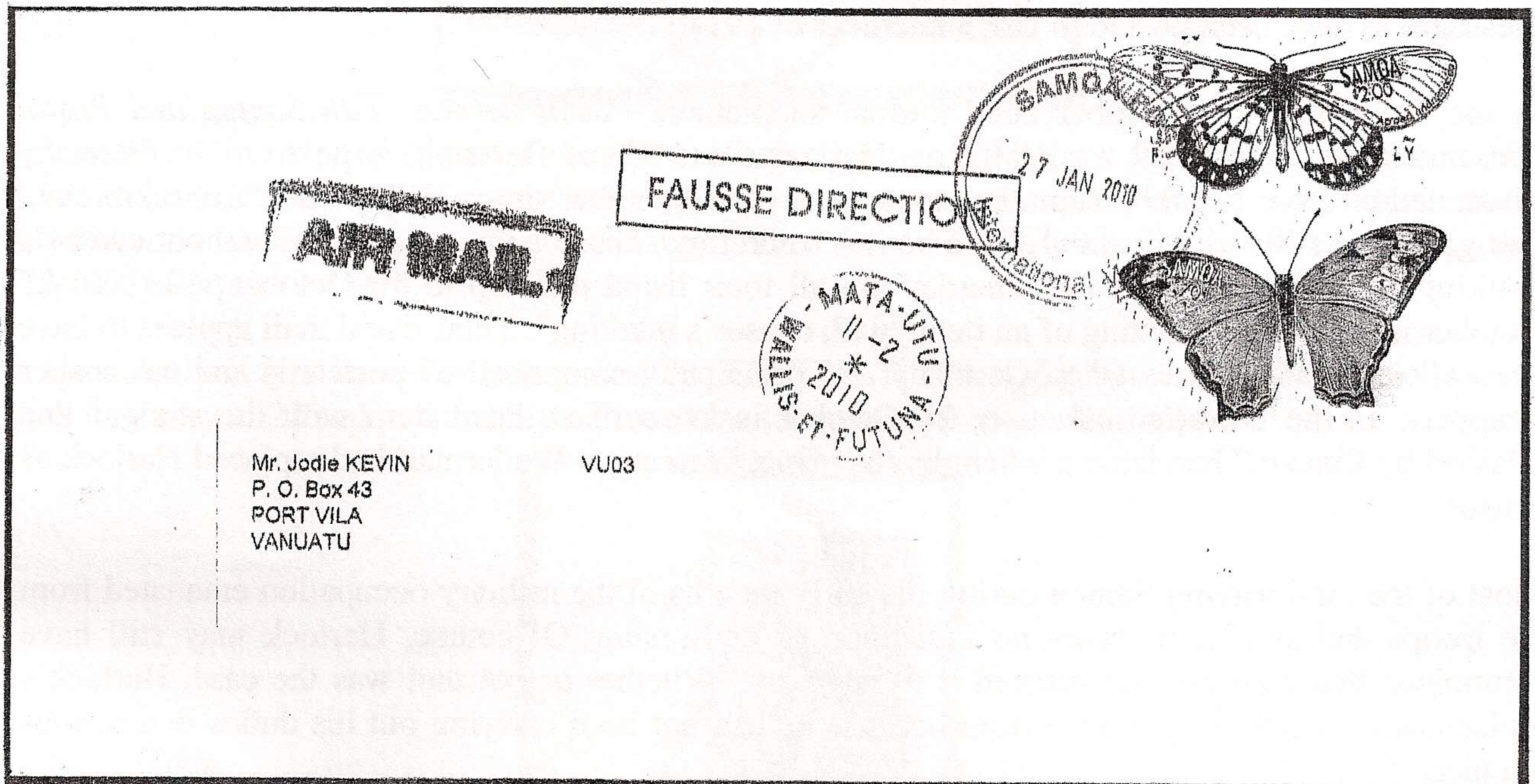


The cancellation date of this item was not stated in the catalogue and is unclear from the illustration. However the letter was received in Sydney on 2 December 1914. All three of the covers illustrated here are on New Zealand Post and Telegraph Dept. stationery and all are addressed in the same handwriting. None appear to indicate who the actual sender was, and the over-franking of Nigel Sawyer's cover make that one unlikely to have been an official communication from the Apia post office.

The rarity of the 3.3 typed registration label is indicated by the price of US\$1,600 achieved for the example in the Jack Hughes auction. Label numbers as high as the 124 on Nigel Sawyer's cover are not an indication as to the numbers that were typed since some of the registered items during that period carried the registration marking completely in manuscript.

A Modern "Missent" Cover

Steve Zirinsky supplied this illustration of a cover posted to Vanuatu from Apia on 27 January 2010. In error it had been sent to the French Wallis and Futuna Islands where a boxed "FAUSSE DIRECTION" marking was applied.



In this instance, \$2.00 and 70s stamps from the 2001 Butterflies issue have been affixed over a SamoaTel postage prepaid printed envelope intended for use only in Samoa. The letter was probably sent by whatever part of SamoaTel's philatelic sales service is still operating!