

# THE FLAG POLE



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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This is Tom's last Flagpole, for which we all thank him. Bob Thorne once again will take over the reins as Editor. Gentlemen, we need more input from our members. BNAPS needs 4 issues per year and we can barely produce two. We also need a new Treasurer as Doug Lingard has more than enough to do as VP Study Groups for BNAPS. May I please hear from a volunteer! My Phone Number is 416-742-2347 and my E Mail address is [cjrobertson@home.com](mailto:cjrobertson@home.com). I will be back from Florida on March 15th. Please contact me if you can help.

John Robertson

## EDITOR'S REMARKS

After producing more than 20 issues of The Flag Pole this will be my last. Fortunately Bob Thorne will take over as Editor to continue the good work that he has done in the past. Please support the Study Group by sending him all the material that you can.

The following pages show additional material from the early flags of Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal provided by Bob Heasman, Larry Paige, David Sessions and Doug Lingard.

HAMILTON

MACHINE CANCEL  
M-6

AT HAMILTON AFTER FOUR YEARS OF GENERAL SERVICE, THE TWO BICKERDIKE CANCELLING MACHINES WERE STILL USING THE TYPE 8 DIE "A AND B" FLAG CANCELS. DURING LATE JANUARY 1902 THE AGING FLAG OBLITERATORS WERE REPLACED WITH THE MACHINE CANCEL M-6 WITH DIE LETTERS "A AND B". IN SERVICE FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS. DIE "B", AS SHOWN, BEING A LETTER MAILED TO A SOLDIER IN SOUTH AFRICA JUST PRIOR TO THE END OF THE BOER WAR . . .

PERIOD OF SERVICE

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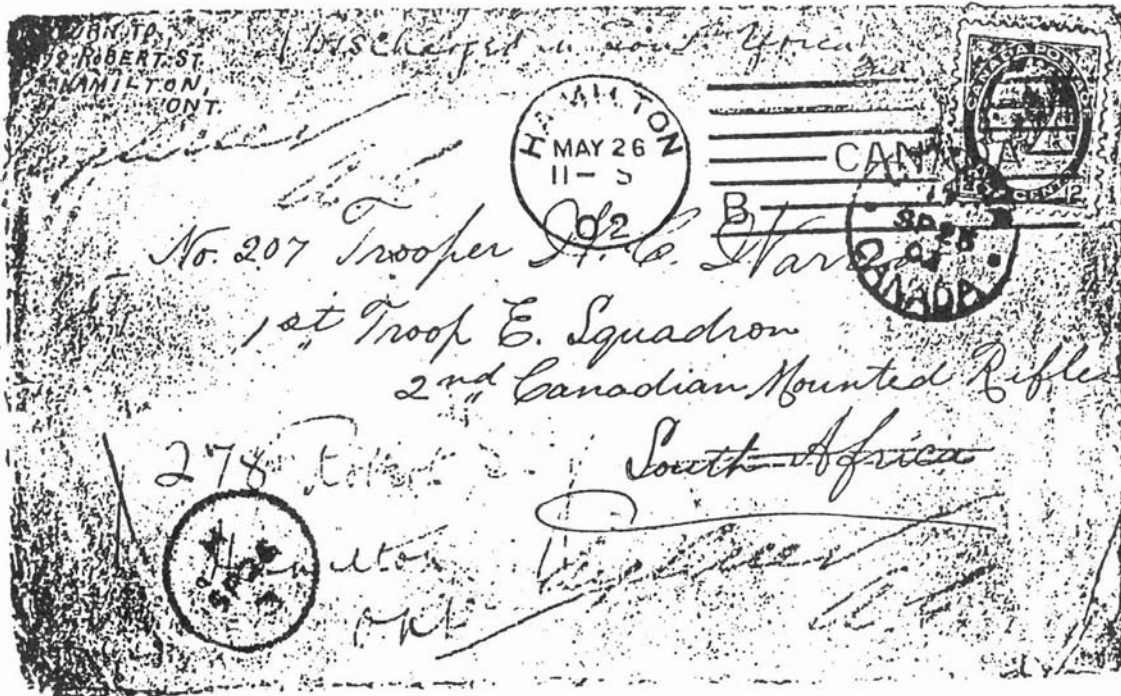
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A FEBRUARY 3, 1902  
B FEBRUARY 7, 1902

OCTOBER 21, 1902  
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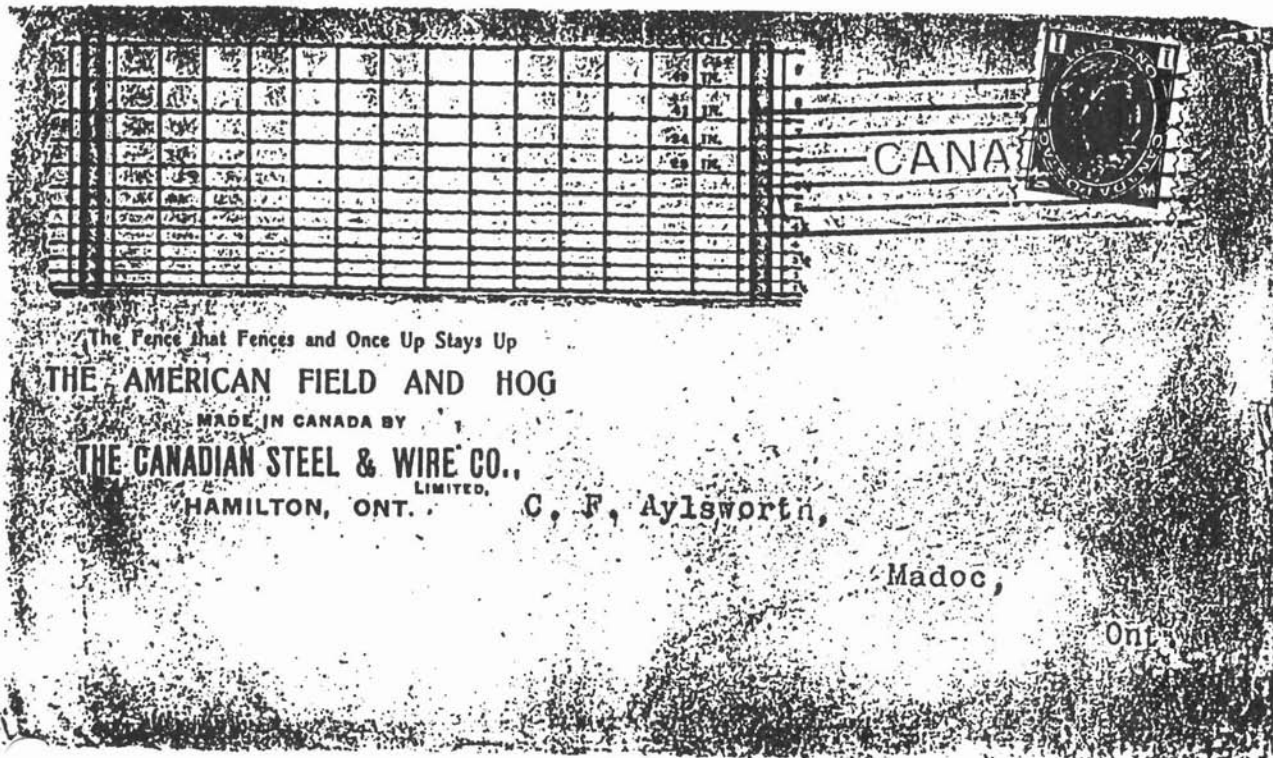
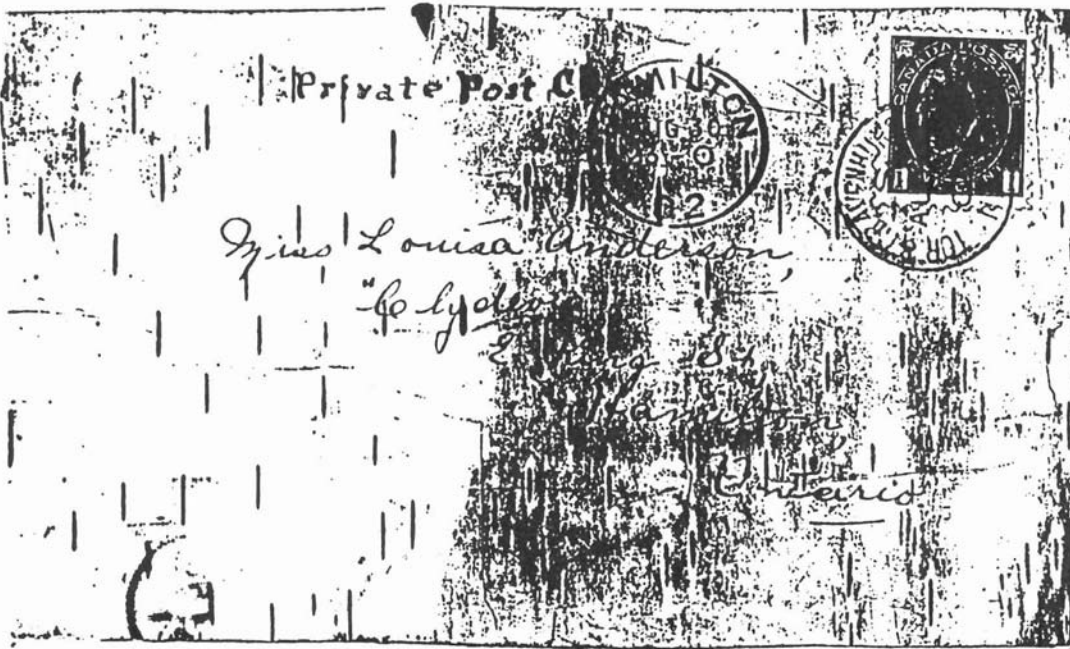


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MACHINE CANCEL  
M-6 - DIE "A"  
MISCELLANEOUS USE

DURING THE SHORT PERIOD OF SERVICE OF MACHINE CANCEL M-6,  
USE IS REPORTED OF THE DATER HUB USED WITHOUT THE BARS AS A  
RECEIVING MARK. THE DATER HUB WAS REMOVED WITH THE HUBLESS  
BARS CANCELLING THIRD CLASS MAIL IS ALSO RECORDED. BOTH  
VARIETIES SHOWN



TYPE 11 TORONTO

"C" INDICIA  
5 CENT POST CARD RATE  
AUSTRALIA

THE .2 CENT U P U POST CARD RATE WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO AUSTRALIA. POST CARD RATES TO AUSTRALIA DURING THE FLAG CANCEL PERIOD WERE 5 CENT, THE SAME AS THE U P.U. LETTER RATE. USE TO TOORAK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA NICE USE OF A PICTURE POST CARD.



MAP STAMP

THE MAP STAMP IS REPORTED WITH USE AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 6, 1898 USE A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER ON DECEMBER 8, 1898 SHOWING A PAIR TO HELP MAKE UP THE 5 CENT U.P.U. RATE TO ENGLAND. VERY EARLY USE.



INDICIA "A"  
INVERT

THE DIE "A" IS LISTED WITH THE INVERTED FLAG CANCEL. ONLY THE DATE DECEMBER 17, 1898 IS RECORDED WITH TWO EXAMPLES ON RECORD. EXAMPLE SHOWN IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO REPORTED THAT THE INDICIA IS IDENTIFIABLE. THE INDICIA "A", AS SHOWN, IS THE ONLY REPORTED TORONTO INVERT.

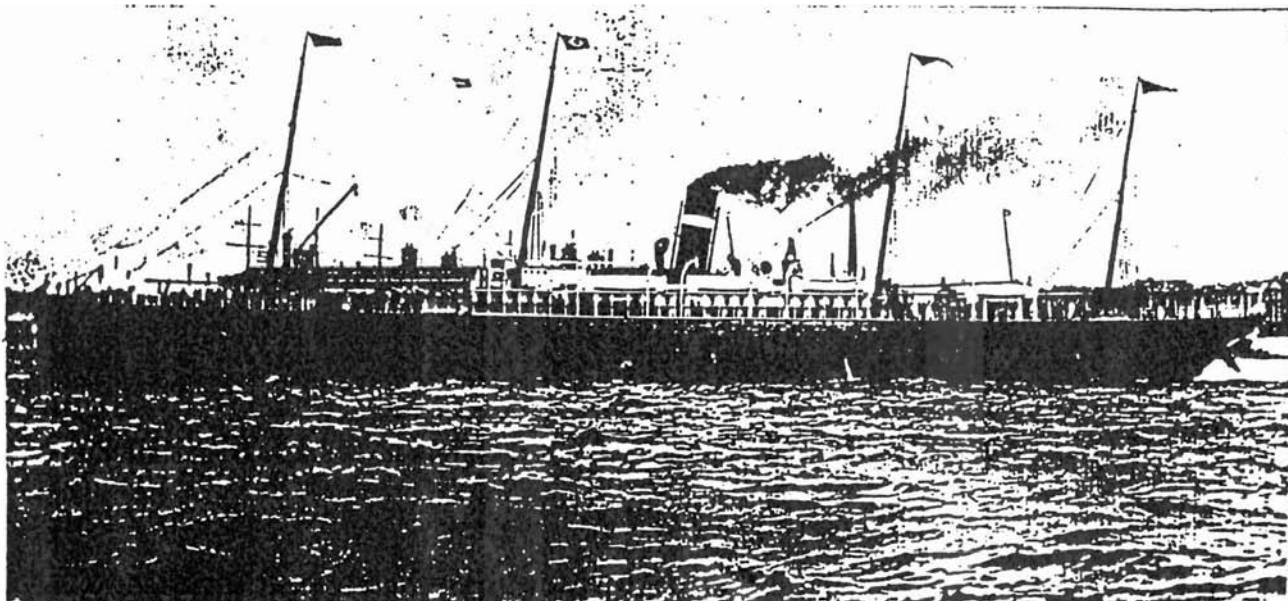


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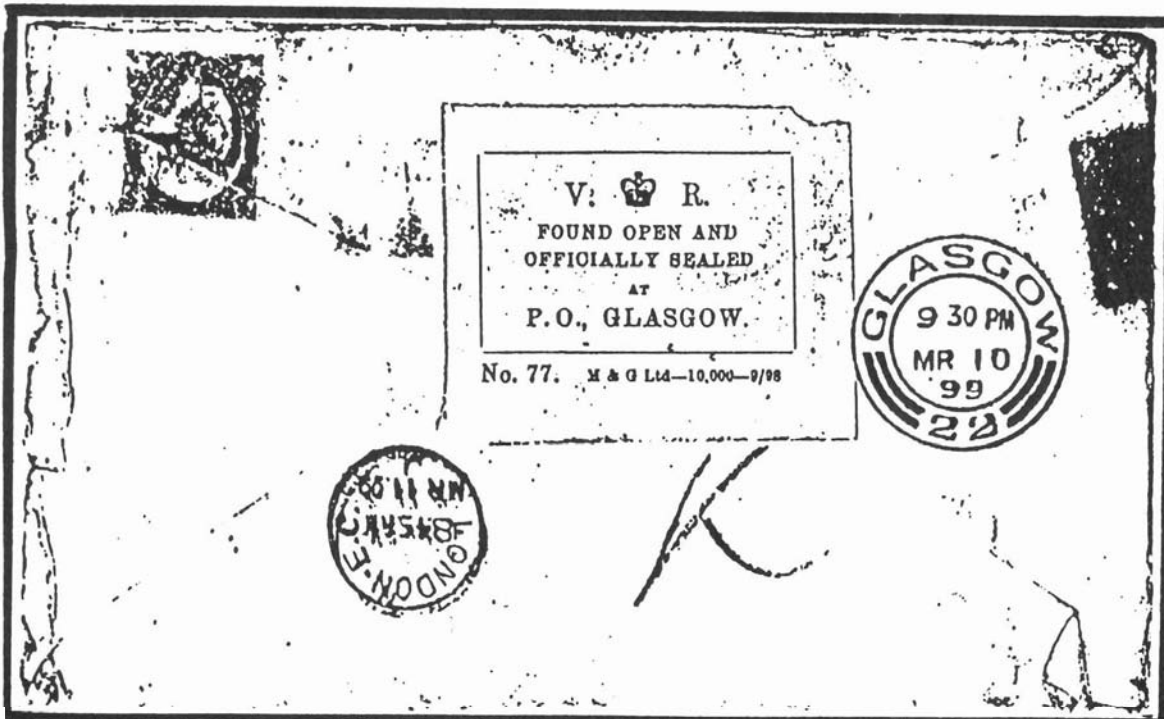
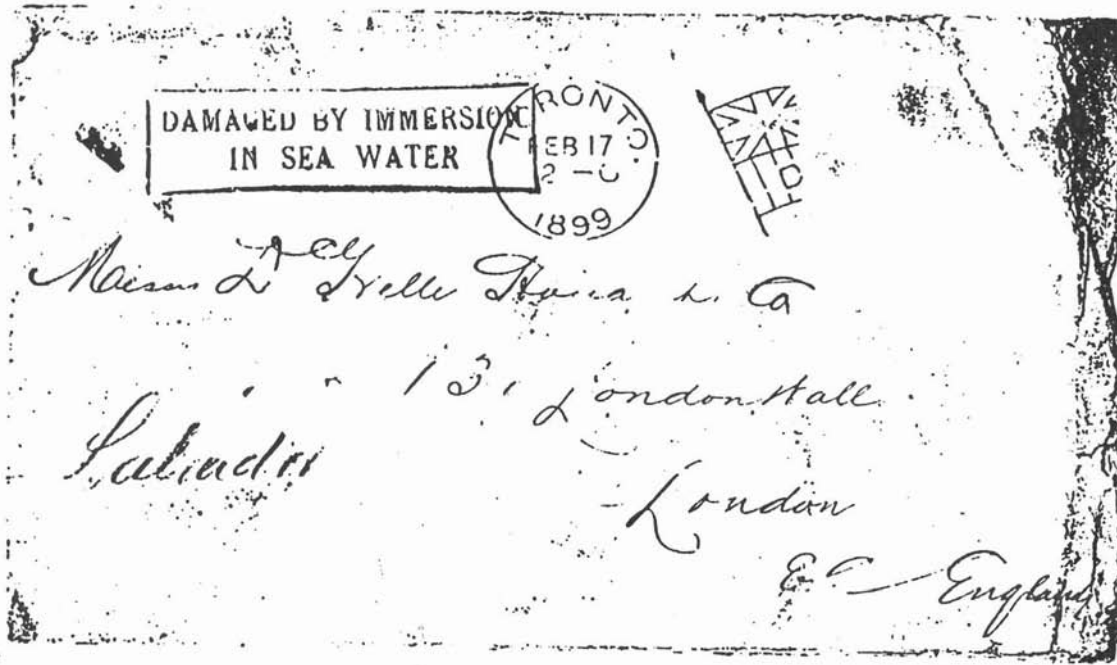
DISASTER MAIL  
S. S. LABRADOR  
FEBRUARY 28, 1899

DIE "A" ON COVER THAT WAS RECOVERED WHEN THE "LABRADOR" SANK IN 1899. THE S. S. LABRADOR WAS EN ROUTE FROM HALIFAX, N.S. TO LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND WHEN IN A DENSE FOG ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 28, 1899, IT RAN AGROUND ON THE MACKENZIE ROCK NEAR THE SKERRYVORE LIGHTHOUSE IN THE HEBRIDES AND WAS A TOTAL LOSS. IT WAS CARRYING A GENERAL CARGO AND PASSENGERS. ALL THE PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE SAVED BY THE GERMAN STEAMER "VIKING". ONLY A FEW COVERS FROM THIS DISASTER WERE RECOVERED AND ARE VERY SCARCE. ALL COVERS ARE WITH THE HANDSTAMP IN PURPLE "DAMAGED BY IMMERSION IN SEA WATER". SHOWN IS ONE OF THE LAST PICTURES OF THE S. S. LABRADOR.



DISASTER MAIL  
S. S. LABRADOR  
FEBRUARY 28, 1899

DIE "D" DISASTER MAIL FROM THE S. S. LABRADOR WHICH SANK ON FEBRUARY 28, 1899. THOUGH A NUMBER OF BAGS OF MAIL WERE RECOVERED FROM THE DISASTER, ONLY A FEW COVERS HAVE SURVIVED TIME. XEROX SHOWS THE BACK OF THE LETTER. SHOWN IS THE "GLASGOW" "OFFICIALLY SEALED" LABEL WITH A "LONDON" RECEIVING MARK. UPPER LEFT CORNER SHOWS A COLORED TRANSFER OF A TWO CENT LEAF STAMP. WAS THIS STAMP FROM THE ENVELOPE OR ANOTHER LETTER?



U.P.U. RATE  
FRANCE

AT THE END OF 1898, THE RATE TO FRANCE WAS NOT REDUCED TO TWO CENTS LIKE ENGLAND AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE. THE RATE REMAINED AT FIVE CENTS PER OZ. A PAIR OF THE CHRISTMAS STAMPS HELP TO MAKE UP THE U.P.U. RATE. LETTER IS FROM THE FRENCH CONSULATE AT MONTREAL, WHICH HAD NO SPECIAL POSTAL PRIVILEGES, AND FORWARDED TO ANOTHER ADDRESS IN FRANCE. SINGLE STAMP SHOWING THE SCARCE U.P.U. THIRD CLASS RATE ALSO TO FRANCE. UNUSUAL USE OF THE SINGLE CHRISTMAS STAMP.



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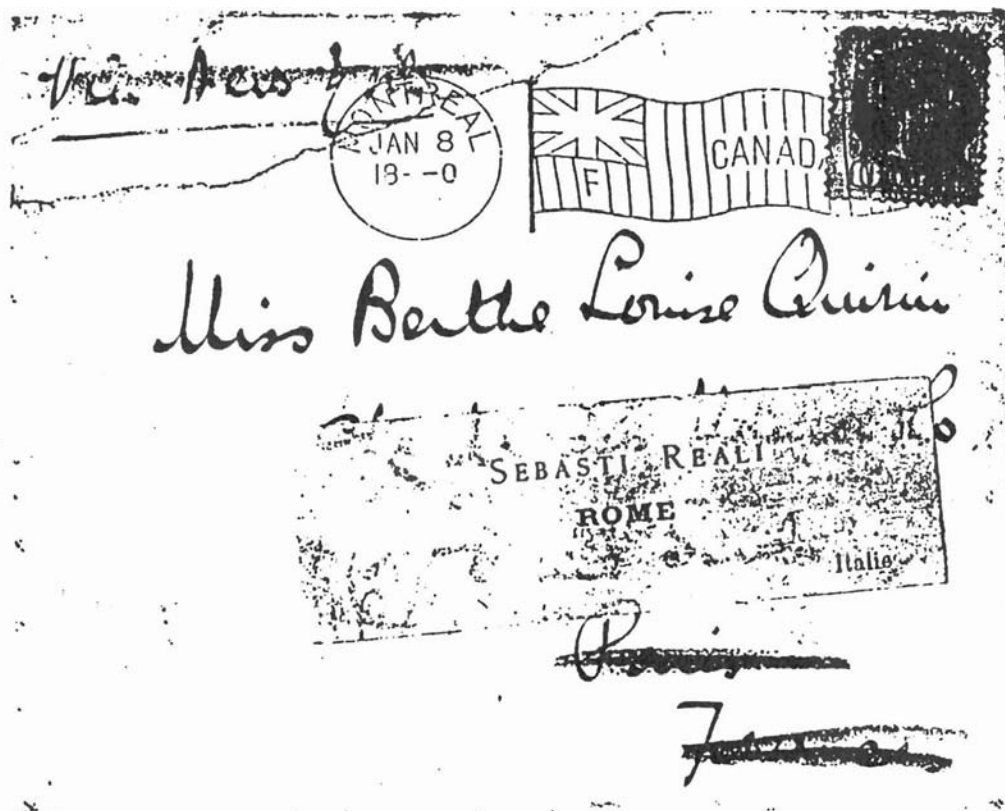
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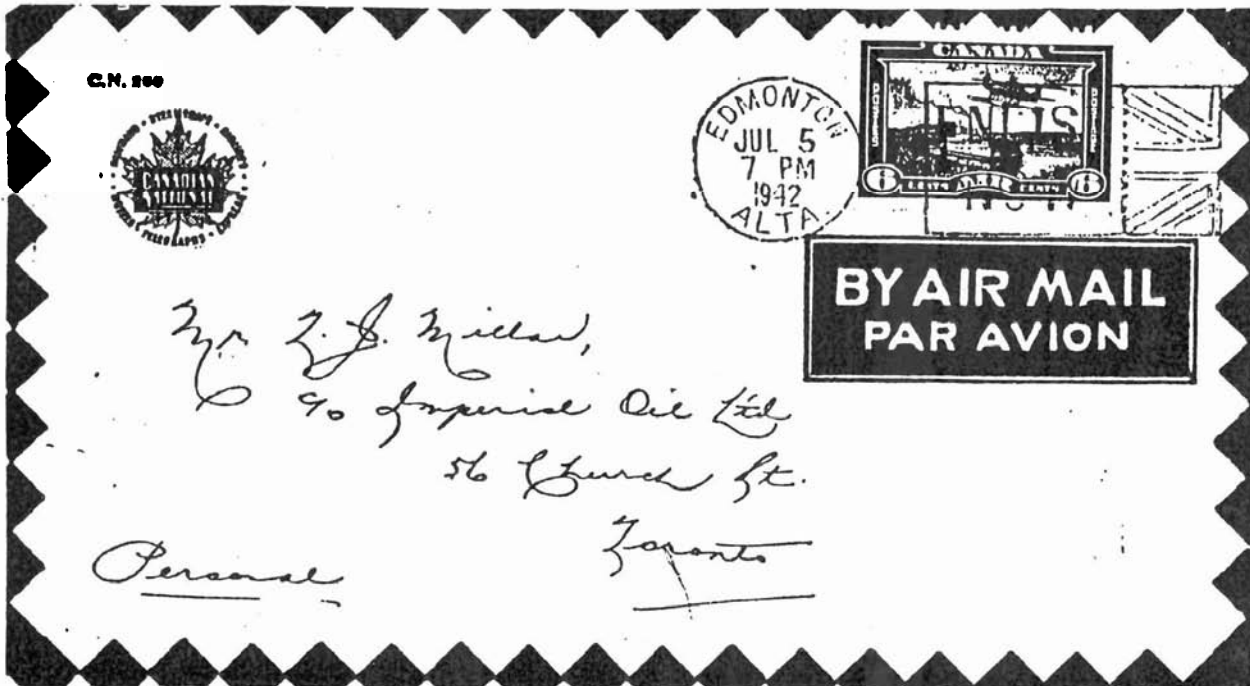


NO YEARDATE  
INDICIA "F"  
TEN CENT DOUBLE U.P.U. RATE

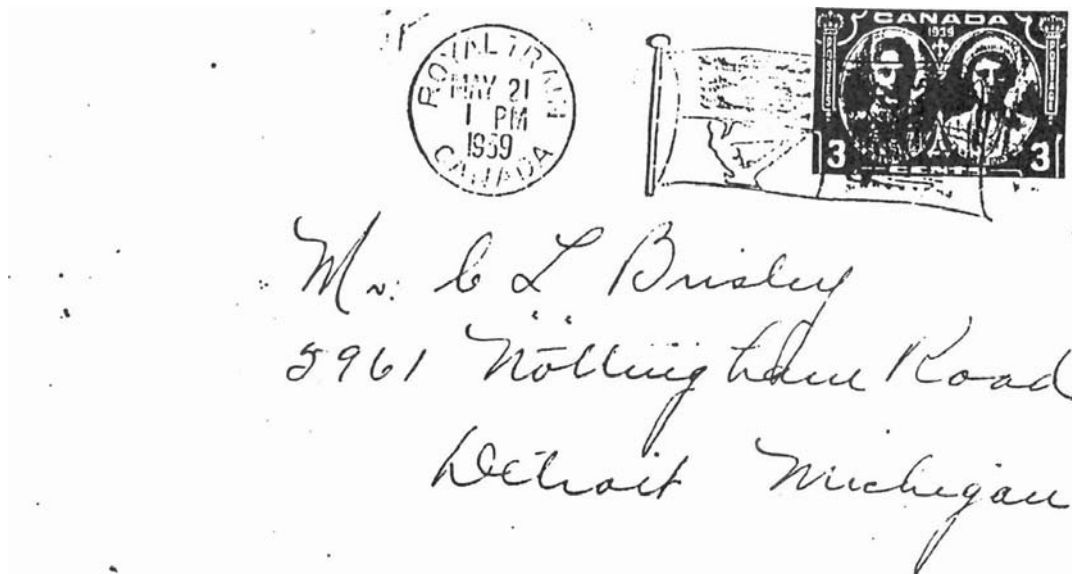
CHRISTMAS CARD SIZE ENVELOPE SHOWING USE WITH A SINGLE TEN CENT SMALL QUEEN STAMP PAYING DOUBLE THE FIVE CENT U.P.U. RATE TO PARIS, FRANCE AND THEN FORWARDED TO ROME, ITALY. AN UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF A DOUBLE RATE U.P.U. LETTER FORWARD TO ANOTHER COUNTRY WITH THE SCARCE NO YEARDATE USE. PROBABLY LESS THAN 25 KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE 1 OR ANY TYPE FLAG CANCEL WITH LEGITIMATE USE OF THE TEN CENT SMALL QUEEN STAMPS BEING REPORTED.



Bob Thorne shows a new late date of July 5 on an Edmonton Enlist Now cover.



Bob's next contribution shows the scarce 1PM May 21st time mark used when the train was in Ottawa.



Finally we have a registered cover mailed to the Conductor on the Royal Train. As the letter was not collected, it stayed on the train until June 15th when it was sent to the Toronto Dead Letter Office.

