

CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

Newsletter #6

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Dear Member:

As promised in Newsletter #5 a list of members has been included in #6. We have done well to build up to 25 members and hopefully we can reach 35 before we level off. A financial statement is being sent to the Study Groups Co-Ordinator.

There are some really complete returns in this time from new members to the group some of whom are not newcomers to the field of military cancels. Three have gone right back to Newsletter #1 and brought their reports up to date. Thank you gentlemen. Some however who have good collections of military covers have not reported so Manitoba's report isn't as good as it deserves to be. Here goes:

FPO MPO	circ dater	other	remarks	FPO MPO	circ dater	other	remarks
Shilo	5		FPO	1008	5	3	duplex
1001	7	3	duplex	1009	4		
1002	7			1010	5		
1003	6			1011	5		
1004	5			1012	6		
1005	7			1013	4		
1006	7	5	duplex	1014	3		
1007	7			1015	2	3	one is a 1948 date

Here's an interesting quotation from Pierre Burton's "Klondike" (published 1958)
YUKON FIELD FORCE OF 1898 to June 1900:-

...and in the midst of all this hurly-burly the most outlandish sight of all, two hundred and three uniformed soldiers in scarlet tunics and white helmets marching as best they could in close order, with the help of Hudson's Bay packers and mules trudging in step through mudholes and over rocks and stumps, performing barrack-square evolutions, spearing fish with their bayonets, and dragging their Maxim guns along with them. This was the Yukon Field Force, made up of officers and men from the Royal Canadian Rifles, The Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Canadian Artillery and sent North to reinforce the Mounted Police by a government which feared that the influx of foreigners (to the Klondike gold rush) might cause an insurrection that could wrench the North from Canada. Unquote.....

Ken Ellison asks if any member has, or has-seen, covers from this force? Write Ken direct.

Spotted this in the Vancouver Province of July 30, 1974.
VICTORIA: A parade today will mark the end of Canadian Force's air operations at Patricia Bay (once MPO 1103) airport, after 36 years. Utility Squadron VU33 is moving to the CFB at Comox.

SPECIAL:

There is a really fine account in the Canadian Geographical Journal of April 1974, pages 22-29. It's titled, "LONG BRANCH - Canada's first flying school". Written by Ronald Dodds. Lots of pictures too. Check with your library for a copy or send \$2.00 to the Society for a copy. There is a cancellation known from Long Branch and they (two) have been reported in our Canada Militia Survey of March 1973. Here is a sketch about actual size. Note year date over month which is unusual.



To conserve space.

Last February we were "introduced" through Post West, the Journal of the Western Canada Postal History Society, to Colonel Samuel B. Steele, NMP (1851-1919). The Journal featured extracts from an account by Steele concerning the Yukon mail in 1898. This led us to the local library and a copy of a book

(reissued 1972) by Col. Steele entitled "Forty Years in Canada". One of the interesting points about the work of this mounted policeman and soldier was the arrangements he made for his men to carry the mails during the course of their duties. Try your library (or Coles Books) for a copy of Steele's biography. Our thanks to the Editor of Post West, Del J. Allen, and one of our members, for an article of military and postal history interest.

During the World War Two period there were many postal cancellations from military camps in Ontario. One or two of these were used before the war but re-activated during the early months of the conflict. We refer to the Canada Militia type (Long Branch above) from Niagara Camp, reading NIAGARA CAMP "A". Another was from Petawawa Camp and measured 29mm in diameter. Another of about the same size, Connaught Military Camp was of the "same family" as Dundurn Camp which was sketched in Newsletter #4. Lets start on Ontario.....

FPO	circ			FPO	circ		
MPO	dater	other	location	MPO	dater	other	location
NPO				NPO			
Petawawa			same	109			Galt
Niagara "A"			same	110			Preston
Connaught			Ottawa	111			Clinton
101			St Thomas	112			Windsor
102			Thames V.	113			London
103			Fingal	114			C. Springs
104			Aylmer	201			Toronto
105			Guelph	202			Borden
106			Port Albert	203			Niagara
107			Centralia	204			Toronto

From the amount of paper strewn around us we expect there will be sufficient for three pages. Enough is enough.

Please report for Newsletter #7. Your contribution is important.

Yours sincerely,

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - VERY BRIEF -

Receipts	\$76.00	EXPENSES	24.86	BALANCE	51.14
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Will use some of the space Ken left after typing his List of Members.

PS Member Ken Barlow in West Vancouver has some cancellations to trade, mainly from B.C. Ken invites other members to write him.

PPS Have two reports from new members each advising that he has or knows of cancels from NPO 1114, Royal Roads, FPO 1126, Williams Lake and NPO 1120, Vancouver. These were reported as nil in Newsletter #3.

JCC