

CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

Newsletter #10

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Dear Member:

SPRING IS SPRUNG as we used to say but the weather stays a bit cool for the time of year.

12...RCAF - ARC cancellations

A question concerning these cancels prompts us to refer to Bob Furneaux's Postal News of 1967 in which he names Bagotville, Lac St. Denis, Moisie, Mont Apica, St. Jean and Senneterre as using this bi-lingual type cancel.



RCAF - ARC Station Lamacaza possibly could be added to this list or others known to readers? Plain c.d.s. and meters are known but perhaps other types can be reported to our mutual benefit. The amalgamation of the Services in February 1968 would have ended the use of these bi - lingual cancels.

13...MILITARY CAMP cancels..23 to 24mm

On a question about these cancels a photocopy of a PROOF strike is shown and the proof date applies to all these camps: Barriefield, Ont., Vernon, B.C., London, Ont., Valcartier, P.Q., Sussex, N.B. and Aldershot, N.S.



To the same family of cancels may be added Niagara, Ont. (proofed May 18, 1915) and Sarcee Military Camp, Calgary, Alta., (proofed May 28, 1915). We have seen London, Barriefield and Aldershot correctly used and would also like members to report usage of these three or the others in this rare grouping. The fact that proofs are known doesn't mean that the actual hammers were used in the field.

14...New Members

We welcome to the ranks the following military mail collectors:-

- Member #30 Mrs. Frances Taylor 1701 NE 104th Street, Seattle, Wash., U.S.A. 98125
- Member #31 Mr. W.L. Gutzman 272 Vinet Avenue, Dorval, P.Q.

15...Revenue..Military Camp Post Offices

These gross revenue figures are taken from the Postmaster General's Reports for the years ending 31 March 1918 and 1919. Sessional Papers #24 refer to these Accounting Offices...

	1918	1919
Barriefield Military Camp	\$ 1,426.50	\$ 1,863.12
Aldershot " "	1,426.50	nil
Sussex " "	nil	893.45
Petawawa Field Camp	7,421.38	13,576.32

16...Advertising Poll reference para. 2, Newsletter #9

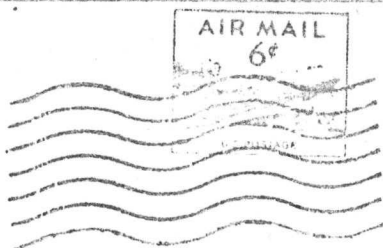
8 APPROVE
 0 DISAPPROVE
 20 NO COMMENT



17...Reference Books - Military Aviation - Canada

Permit us to plug....OF MEN AND PLANES by John Gordon. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are available singly, or as a trio - reduced price, \$15.00. While not philatellically oriented they cover military flying from the beginning. Quality is top drawer and the address is, Love Printing Service Limited, 951 Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 3E5.

18...U.S. Army - APOs in Canada - ref para 7, NL #9



Heading into this topic could be likened to treading on hot coals! One must tread carefully as complexities quickly arise. Our previous listing checks quite well with MUSKWA, B.C. locating 3 miles south of Fort Nelson, B.C. After checking four references it appears that Muskwa was served by 3 APOs

at different times, namely APOs 918, 998 and 476. From three different sources we learn that former RCAF Station Beausejour, Manitoba became MUSKWA, Man., effective 21 Oct 1966!

To expand upon the previous listing (and go out on a limb at the same time) APOs 701, 724 and 996 were located at Fort St. John and Dawson Creek at different times. APO 728 only operated out of Port Edward and 997 out of Prince Rupert. APO 479 moved between Fort Nelson and Muncho Lake. APO 934 out of Lower Post, Destruction Bay and Moon's Lake. APO 478 out of Trutch and Fort St. John. APO 933 Squange Lake only and APO 978 Fort St. John only. This "takes care" of B.C. and we would welcome some feedback on the above before proceeding further. If there is a finished work on APOs in Canada already done and a member knows the source then please let us know and we will advise others who wish to follow the subject in detail. Our space is insufficient and time at a premium.

Incidentally these APOs had their base in the U.S. For example Minneapolis, Minn., was the BPO for APO 701 and 702. Thanks to those who contributed data and more is needed.

19...MOONS- Numeral cancellations.

For those who want something else to collect then MOONS may be the answer? Try first to get the article by Ed Richardson in The Philatelist for Sept-October 1959, page 160 and we may be able to come up with a complete list of the military bases that used them. One of our members is well informed and has passed along quite a list of them. As we have just finished cancels from P.Q. and will start on N.B. we will list the MOONS from these provinces used at RCAF Stations. Additions to the list would be welcomed but reports are not solicited. Two provinces only, please....

Bagotville PQ 0051
Lac St Denis PQ 1315
Mont Apica PQ 1451
Parent PQ 1313
St Hubert PQ 1272
St Jean PQ 1449



Senneterre PQ 1799
Moisie PQ 0977
St Sylvestre PQ 1724
Lamacaza PQ 15209
Chatham NB X713
St Margaret NB X740

These cancels are for use in Money Order Offices and the number of each office is as shown above. The stamp was made of rubber and was not intended for the cancellation of stamps on letters or parcels. Dates back to 1951 are known.



20...Survey Result...

Newsletter #9...

circ dater
 (plain)
 duplex
 solid or wavy bars
 machine-circ dater
 str. or wavy bars
 REGISTERED
 oblong
 REGISTERED
 round
 roller
 cancel
 Money Order and
 Registration stamp
 circ dater
 MPO @ 6 o'clock
 circ dater
 MPO @ 12 o'clock
 circ dater
 MPO @ 3 o'clock

St. Bruno Camp Militaire ()	6						1		
MPO 401 Farnham	4				1				
402 St. Bruno	1				1				
NPO 403 St. H'the	8			1	1				
MPO 404 St. Hub't	9			1	1	1		1	1
405 Lachine	9			2	1				1
406 Montreal	2								
NPO 407 Montreal	4				1				
409 do	5								
MPO 501 Valc'tier	8	7	2	1	1			1	1
502 Mont Joli	10			1		2			1
503 Bagotville	6			1	1			1	2
NPO 504 Gaspé	4			1			1	3	1
MPO 505 3 Rivers	4				1				
506 Ancienne Lorette	3				1				

21...Survey continued (1939-1945) New Brunswick

Sussex Camp FPO (see tracing)									
MPO 701 Sussex									
" 702 Moncton									
" 703 Penn.Ridge									
" 704 Scoudouc									
" 705 Moncton									
" 706 Fredericton									
" 707 Utopia									



Some members have written of their disappointment at the lack of participation in the returns to the Newsletter and of course we endorse these remarks, Twelve sources of data aren't enough, we need twice as many. Even a question can lead to an interesting paragraph. Even a paragraph, from you, will likely lead us into an interesting question!

CHEERS.. Colin, Ed + Ken

