

CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

Newsletter #11

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Dear Member:

21..."Blackout Postmarks"

All military postmark collectors probably accumulate "blackouts" hence, the article, "Canadian Blackout Postmarks of West Coast Ports" by Harold M. Dilworth is really worth reading. Six and one half pages in Topics for May 1969 and the BNAPS Library is sure to have that issue.

22...New Recruits

A welcome is extended to these new members:

#32 W.D. (Wilf) Whitehouse 2427 Greenfield Avenue, Kamloops, B.C.

#33 Willard E. Baker P.O. Box 26, Santa Rosa, California, U.S.A. 95402

23...Report of the Postmaster General-Period Ending Oct 13, 1915- page C-37

The following was quoted to us from the above report;-

London Military Concentration Camp - Revenue \$125.50.

And this for the period ending Oct 13, 1916 - Non Accounting - page D2

ALHAMBRA (Late Horse Guards) (Red Deer-Alberta - \$199.20)

Could be some interesting data behind these records? And this from the 1943 and 1944 Reports:-

MPO 704 Scoudouc N.B.	opened 12 June 1942
" 702 Moncton "	" 15 June "
" 705 " "	" 1 Aug "
" 706 Fredericton	" 1 Feb 1944 (1944 Report)

and from another source;-

MPO 703 Pennfield Ridge	" 16 Oct 1944
" 707 Utopia	" 1 Apr "

24...Finnsen of the R.N.A.F., Stanlet Deaville, 1945

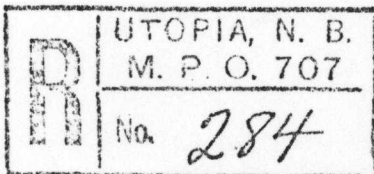
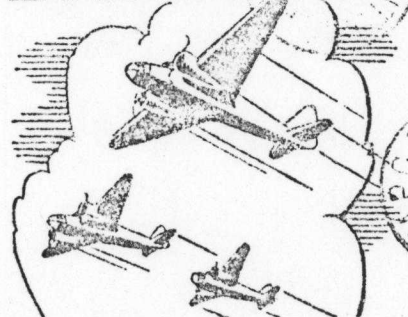
This title was listed in the C.P.S. Library catalogue of August 1954. Can one of our readers provide a copy of this article? Member #2 enquires.

25...Survey Result - New Brunswick - MPOs - 1939-1945

courtesy Member #26

	PLAIN	DUPLEX	REG. (oblong)
Sussex Camp FPO (see tracing)	4		1
MPO 701 Sussex	10		1
" 702 Moncton	7		1
" 703 Penn Ridge	7		
" 704 Scoudouc	9		1
" 705 Moncton	8	1	1
" 706 Fredericton	4		
" 707 Utopia	3		1

CANADA!



The Airdrome
of Democracy

26...U.S. A.P.O. postmarks in British Columbia

Our member #32 has specialized in these markings and has provided details of cancellations which will interest readers. Chapter 19 of Woodall's Postal History (The Northwest Staging Route - The Alaska Highway and the Canol Project) World War Two also has been loaned to us. Members wishing to be put on the * CIRCULATION LIST should so indicate anytime after receiving this Newsletter. Woodall's runs to 12 pages (one side). Please write to Wilf if you wish to get down to business on this most interesting, and elusive, group of military postal markings. * include with Survey result

27...SHILO MILITARY CAMP cancellation - F.P.O.

Our member #23 reports two hammers from this FPO. In trying to conserve space these illustrations were removed from the copies of the covers provided. First indications point to the earlier date being the "commoner" of the two. A most interesting find and one which will provide a real challenge to those wishing to have both examples.

28... MOONS - further to paragraph 19

Member #15 has kindly provided a lengthy listing of RCAF MOONS or numeral cancellations. Some additions to the first listing are:-

- Barrington N.S. 13102
- Beaver Bank N.S. X155
- Greenwood N.S. X279
- Cornwallis N.S. X716
- FMO Halifax N.S. X265
- HMC Dockyard
Halifax N.S. X265



- St. Marie P.Q. (1724) became St. Sylvestre (1724) effective 18 Aug 1955.
- Dana SK 7411
- Moose Jaw SK 7129
- Saskatoon SK 7541
- Yorkton SK 7412

29...Identification Chart

A number of readers have suggested a means of identifying cancels to make for more accurate and uniform surveys. After four attempts and vetting by three members we have designed the chart attached. Basically it was drawn up with the World War Two period in mind but then additions were made to include post war markings as well. Possibly it will serve the pre war time also. Please "TYPE" your WORLD WAR TWO cancels from Nova Scotia and P.E.I. and record the results on the Survey sheet. Suggestions for additions or corrections to the chart will be welcomed. It probably will be necessary to enlarge upon or add other TYPE charts as the scope of the surveys increases. Its a start and we hope it will make the surveys more interesting and useful.

30...REGISTERED oval type postal markings - WW1

R.A. Kingston, our member in England, reports the following markings used by Canadian Forces in England. Size of the marking is 30mm by 24mm, Registered on top, legend at bottom, with date in straight line across centre. All dates are 1916 except one which was 1918 from Witley.

- REGISTERED Canadian
- P.O. Bramshott Camp
- Bath
- Crowborough Camp, Sussex
- Otterpool Camp
- F.P.O. Sandling Camp

- REGISTERED Canadian
- F.P.O. St. Martins Plain
- P.O. Seaford Camp, Sussex
- Shorncliffe
- Witley Camp
- C.D.D. Shoreham-on-Sea

31...SURVEY - Nova Scotia and P.E.I. - World War Two period only

	PLAIN				DUPLEX				MACHINE				REGISTERED				ROLLER		Money Ord & R stamp							
	1	1A	1B	1C	2	2A	2B	2C	3	3A	3B	3C	4	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F	4G	5	5A	5B	6	6A	6B
MPO 601																										
Aldershot																										
MPO 602																										
Dartmouth																										
MPO 603																										
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MPO 612																										
Char'own																										
MPO 613																										
Debert																										

32...Stamped "Free Franked Soldier's Mail".

An interesting collection might be made from soldiers letters (covers) sent from overseas during World War One at the FREE rate but stamped on arrival in Canada. The Canadian Flag Cancel Bulletin Vol 1 No. 4 for May 1975 details the events which brought this situation about. Briefly the main points in Canada who applied the stamps were:-

Halifax, St. John, N.B., Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Medicine Hat and Nelson RPO, Calgary and Vancouver RPO, Vancouver and Victoria.

Until July 28, 1917 it was necessary for these exchange offices to affix Canadian postage stamps to all stampless letters arriving from overseas forces, and to cancel the stamps. An agreement was reached with Great Britain on July 20, 1917 and put into effect July 28, 1917 permitting free franking of soldiers mail. Stamped and cancelled covers are known dated after the effective date. Perhaps you have one?

Members can assist our efforts by studying the type chart and applying their cancels to it. Place tick marks in the squares provided on the Survey sheet, one example only being required. Duplicates need not be recorded. Good luck.

Cheers... *Colin-Ken-Ed*

MILITARY POSTMARK IDENTIFIER CHART-

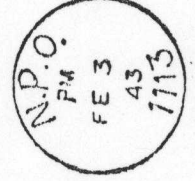
NOTE: MPC is a general abbreviation and includes NPO, FPO, CAPO, CFPO, etc.

Name only - no MFO number
 Name and MFO number
 MFO number at 6 o'clock
 Oblong
 Round (BFO-R-other)
 MFO number only - no name

Name only - no MFO number
 Name and MFO number
 MFO number only
 Name and MFO number
 Name & MFO# & POCON

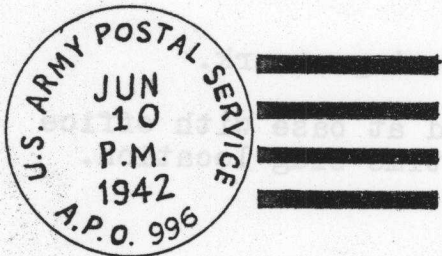
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1 PLAIN		5 ROLLER	
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1B	X	5B	X
1C	X		
2 DUPLEX		6 MO & R stamp	
2A	X	6A	X
2B	X	6B	X
2C	X		
3 MACHINE		7 MOCN	X
3A	X	8 MOTO	X
3B	X	8A	X
3C	X	8B	X
4 REG'D		9 POCON	X
4A	X	10 METER	X
4B	X	10A	X
4C	X	10B	X
4D	X		
4E	X		
4F	X		
4G	X		

straight bars or no bars
 usually square - money order and Registration sta
 Money Order
 Office Number
 Money Order
 Town Office
 Post Office Com-
 puter Office No.
 circular dater
 with value block



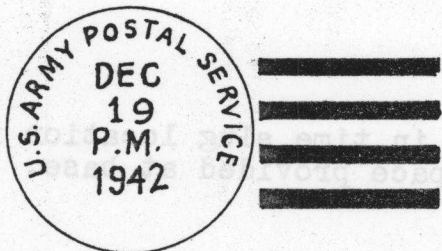
U.S. A.P.O. Postmarks in B.C.

Illustrating various interchangeable HANDSTAMPS and KILLERS



#1

KILLER edges in line at postmark.



#2

KILLER as #1

Neither A.P.O. or Number at base

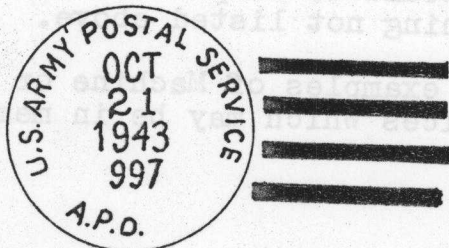
Office number not indicated in postmark.
(used from A.P.O. 934)



#3

KILLER edges uneven at postmark.

Time slug (A.M./P.M.) not used.



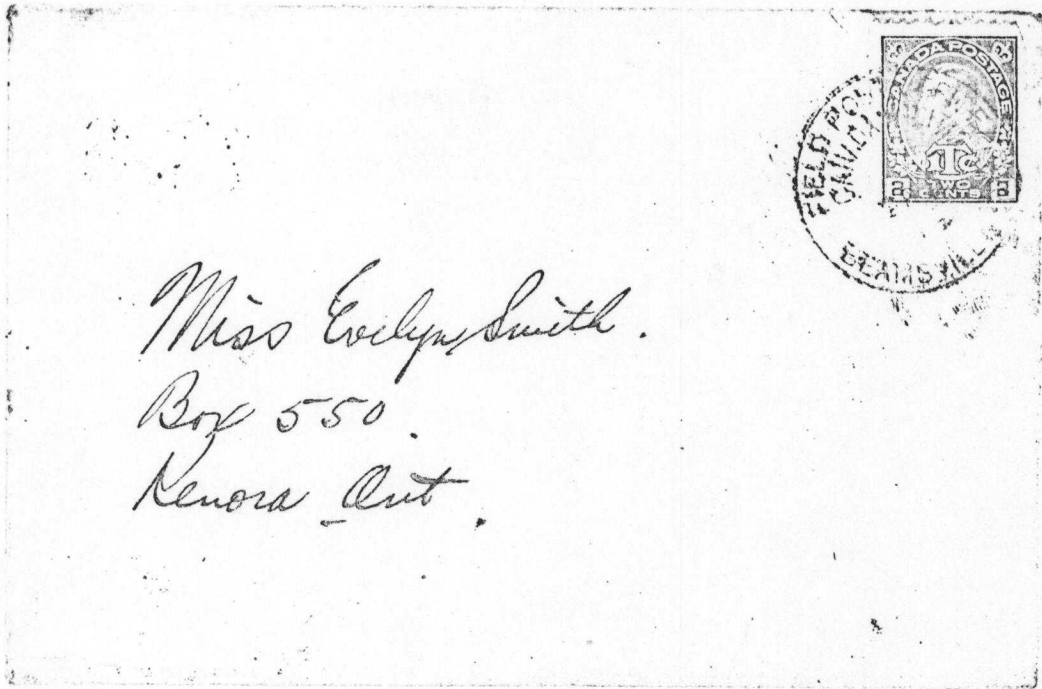
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KILLER as #3

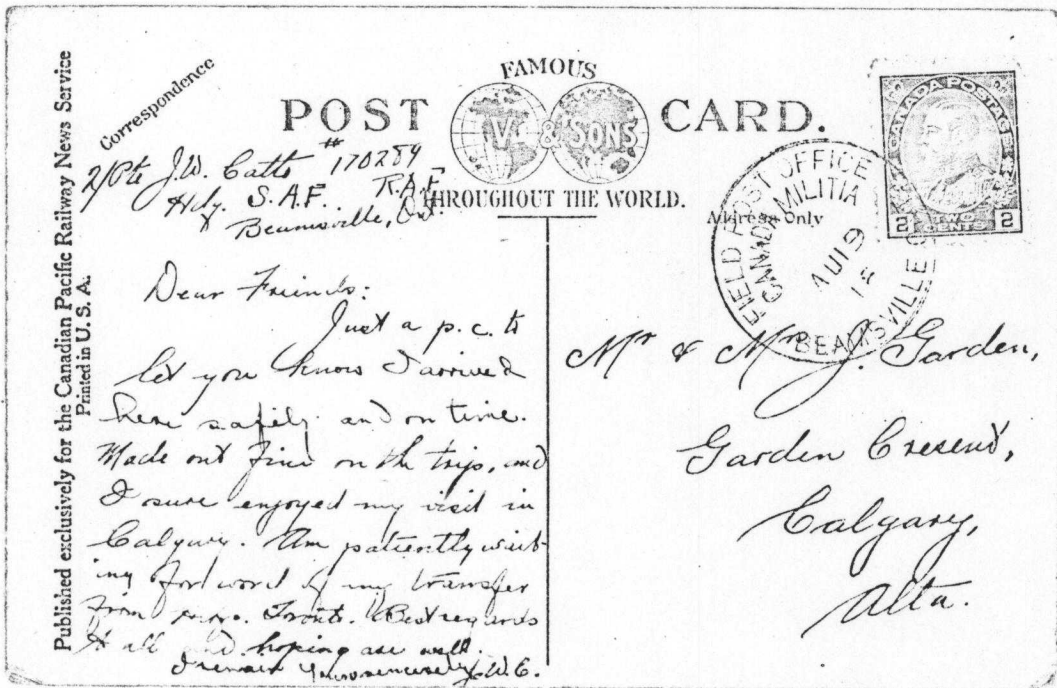
Office number in time slug location
rather than in space provided at base.

FIELD POST OFFICE
BEAMSVILLE, ONT.

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Beamsville, Ont. Sp 5, '18. RFC crest on flap.



Beamsville, Ont. Au 19, '18

Field Post Office, Canada Militia, Beamsville, Ont.
Two strikes of this scarce hammer. E.A. Harris collection.