

CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

Newsletter #17

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Dear Member:

We hope that members are enjoying their summer season and keeping occupied with holidays, visiting, visitors, gardening, etc. The Olympics were a highlight we'll remember for a long time. Did anyone see Joe Purcell in the crowd at the Kingston yachting events? The nice Kingston, R.M.C. first day cover in which our sixteenth Newsletter arrived was very much appreciated. Thank you Joe.

70...Canadian Military Camp Cancels - 1901-1908

It has been said that it pays to advertise and here is further proof. If readers will refer to their copies of Topics, November 1974 on pages 236-7 they may read an account of the earliest reported Aldershot Camp cancel which is a broken circle type. Three members have now found and reported this elusive cancel on post cards. Ron Kitchen, Thurlow Fraser and Ken Ellison. Thurlow's card is illustrated but we added a sketch because like all other cancels reported they are very poorly struck. So 1905-6 and 7 are known dates of usage. Who will report 1908? See later page for illustration.

71...Military Censor "Y" Force No 8 (courtesy J. Wilsdon)

In addition to our item 68 another Jamaican cover is shown but this one from a soldier in the 1st Battalion, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders (Canada).

Mr. Foster's article in Maple Leaves, October 1975 informs us the A & S H took over the defences on September 10th, 1941 and stayed until May 20, 1943. Readers will be aware that British Infantry Forces had been withdrawn in the spring of 1940 to bolster home defences in Britain and Canada agreed to provide garrison troops in the interim. British Corps troops and the Jamaican Post Office provided postal service.

The Winnipeg Grenadiers first served in Jamaica, then the A & S H, Irish Fusiliers of Canada and the Brockville Rifles. The latter handed over to the 8th Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, in February 1946.

Mr. Foster states that covers from the Irish Fusiliers and the Brockville Rifles are extremely scarce.

72...Survey Results- Post World War Two - MPOs in Canada.

This refers back to item 69 and despite the summer holiday season returns were encouraging. Notice how broad the coverage is of the many types of postal markings which exist. Members now know the scope of the challenge required to get 'em all. Incidentally John Wilsdon passes on his compliments to everyone who have made these surveys possible. He marvels at the broad scope being recorded.

73...Post WW2 MPOs in Canada (64 office names). Survey cont'd  
 Bill Robinson has provided these survey sheets and there are more to come. British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario offices are included this time with Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for Newsletter #18.

If you have any postmarks which you believe aren't included in these lists, and belong to the post war period, please make a tracing or sketch and send with your tally sheet. Have fun!

75...Question

Your scribe would like the title of a reference book listing early 19th century watermarks appearing on stationery. Identification of watermarks is the object and England is most likely origin of stationery in question.

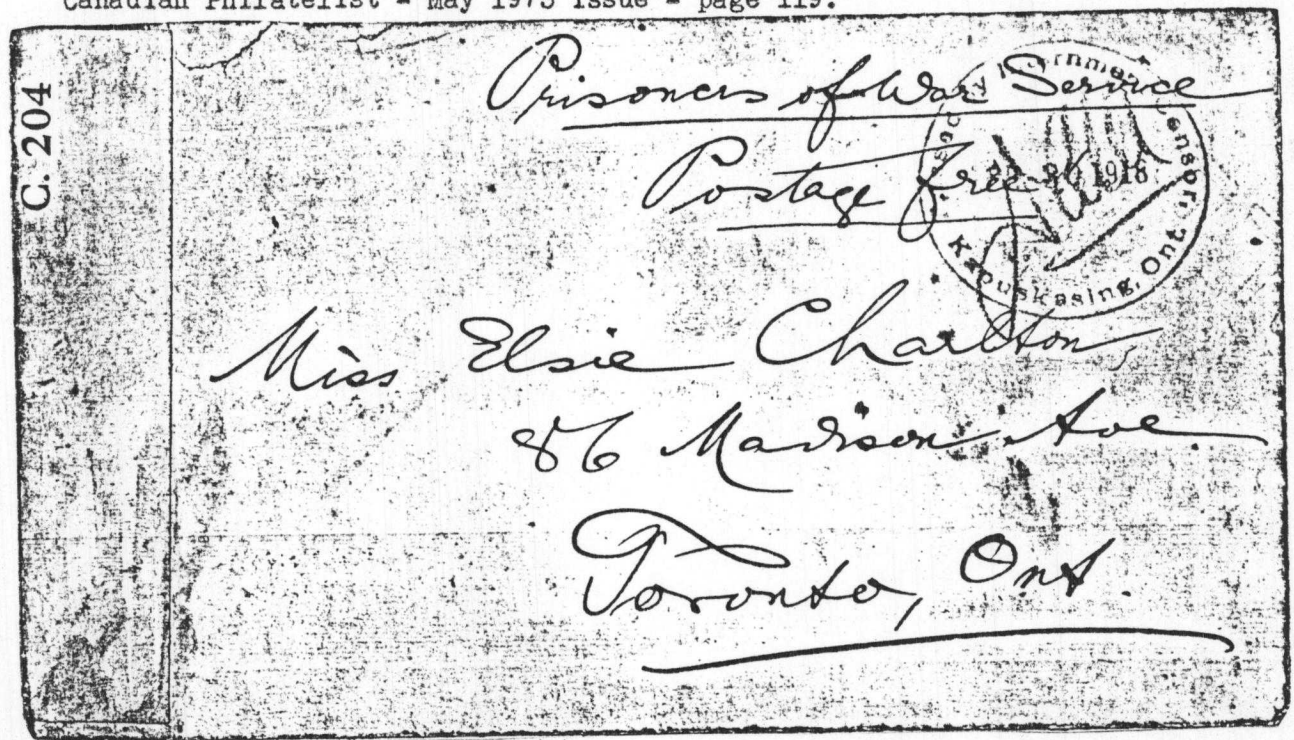
76...Armed Forces Air Letter - S.E. Asia

Wilf Whitehouse sends this item concerning a specific ALF and asks readers to report any copy they may know about. Perhaps reports can accompany your survey submissions then we will send replies to Wilf. A scarce item apparently, and you saw it here!

77...Internment Camp Censor marking

Ken Ellison sends this photocopy showing a fine cover dated, (month is a little fuzzy) Apr 30, 1918. There are two references which will provide interesting details of this camp and these are:

- (a) Canadian Military Mail by Ed Richardson Part 1 Monograph #3 dated October 1968 - page 13.
- (b) Canadian Internment Camps of World War One by Colin Campbell Canadian Philatelist - May 1973 issue - page 119.



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**CANADIAN SOUVENIR POST CARD**

THIS SPACE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



ALDERSHOT CAMP  
SEP 19  
07  
N.S.


↑  
FACSIMILE  
21-22  
MM

your letter & Miss Luise M. Leod  
book received at Middle River  
good time Victoria Co.  
" weather C. B.  
" change N. A. &

CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA

71...

AIR MAIL



KINGSTON  
SEP 12  
11:39 AM  
1942  
JAMAICA

Miss June Pacific  
271 Mary St. N.  
Hamilton  
Ontario  
Canada.

J. H. Wright major  
MILITARY CENSOR  
"Y"  
FORCE.  
NO. 8



76...

ARMED FORCES  
AIR LETTER

**AIR MAIL**



If anything is enclosed in  
this letter it will be sent  
by ordinary mail.

TO Mrs. G.A. Fenton

7540 6 Imperial St.,  
Sensbury Westminister,  
B.C.,  
Canada.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

MR 97872

Sgt

Fenton G.A.

Written in English.

Until now, collectors of Canada's "Armed Forces Air Letters" have felt that these forms were not issued in, or used from S.E. Asia.

The above copy dated October 1944, used from India has just come to light, it is the September 1943 issue of these forms. The sender, a RCAF Sergeant was attached to 47 Squadron R.A.F.

We would be interested to hear if any of our readers have information or copies of these Canadian ALS used from S.E. Asia.

PLEASE NOTE SOME <sup>59</sup>  
NUMBERS ARE NOT IN  
SEQUENCE, SPECIFICALLY

ITEM 72

SURVEY - Post World War II Military Post Offices in Canada - 327

	PLAIN			REGISTERED					ROLLER MOON			MOTO			POCON			METER	MACH			
	1	1A	1B	1C	4	4A	4B	4C	4D	5	5A	5B	7	6	6A	6B	8	9	9A	9B	3	
(a) NAVAL	7																					
VICTORIA - HMC DOCKYARD																						
HMCS NADEN	4																					
VICTORIA - HMCS NADEN	4																					
FLEET MAIL OFFICE - VICTORIA (to 1967)	5						1		1													
FORCES MAIL OFFICE - VICTORIA (1967 on)	4				1			1										2				
NADEN, B.C.	3				1			1														
FLEET MAIL OFFICE - HAMILTON, ONT.	4				1																	
HALIFAX - HMC DOCKYARD	1																					
HMCS STADACONA	3																					
HALIFAX - HMCS STADACONA																						
FLEET MAIL OFFICE - HALIFAX (to 1967)	4				1					1												
FORCES MAIL OFFICE - HALIFAX (1967 on)	7				2			1										1	3			5
STADACONA, N.S.	1				1			1														
CORNWALLIS, N.S.	4																					2
(b) ARMY																						
CANADIAN BPO (Van.)	2																					
MUSKWA. (2) B.C.	2																					
CURRIE BARRACKS, ALTA.	6												3									
GRIESBACH, ALTA.																						
DUNDURN CAMP, SASK.	4																					
SHILO CAMP, MAN.	5																					1
SHILO, MAN.	4				1								3					2				
FORT CHURCHILL, MAN.	4												1					2				1
RIVERS CAMP, MAN.	1												1					2				1
CAMP BORDEN, ONT.	4							1					5					2				6
PETAWAWA CAMP, ONT.	6												2					1				3
FORT HENRY, ONT.	2												1									
* VALCARTIER CAMP, P.Q.	4												2						1			
1. CBPO - MONTREAL	3	1																				1
2 CBPO, MONTREAL	1																					2
CAMP GAGETOWN, N.B.																						
CAMP GAGETOWN PROJECT, N.B.																						
RCPC DET, GAGETOWN	1																					

DOES THIS EXIST?

\* NOTE: 2 STYLES OF MOONS  
1. ONE LINE 2. TWO LINE





