

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

Canadian Military Mail Study Group

Newsletter #19

1450 Ross Road,  
Kelowna, B.C.  
V1Z 1L6

January 26, 1977

Dear Member:

85...Item 80 - Survey result

To save one sheet of paper the tally for page 7 of Newsletter #18 follows-

Brigade Camp cancel	nil	Royal Review	4
Cdn. Contingent		Aldershot Camp	2
(en route)	1	Central Camp	2
Cdn. Contingent			
(plain)	6		

See page 3 for tally of R.C.A.F. Stations (thanks Bill Robinson) and page 4 of the Canada Militia cancels.

86...R.C.N. censor markings - page 5

Our member, Wilf Whitehead, designed this page and brings a most interesting group to our attention. Readers will notice seriffed and gothic lettering, rounded corners and square among differences to aid differentiation. Please include a list of your holdings when posting results of our continuing survey so an idea of scarcity of the RCN censors may be determined.

87...Continuing Survey - pages 6 and 7

On page 7 you will note Vernon, B.C. as the site of a World War One Internment Camp. The following is taken from the Kelowna Daily Courier of Sept 13, 1976 - SIXTY YEARS AGO - quote "Twelve interned prisoners who escaped from the Vernon Internment Camp were still at large. They had dug a tunnel nearly 100 feet long with a homemade wooden auger. The dirt was pushed under the floor of the kitchen, and the entrance to the tunnel was covered by a bread box." unquote. Information of this type isn't found in your average philatelic journal but adds a bit of spice to the topic, don't you think?

88...Scarce postmarks

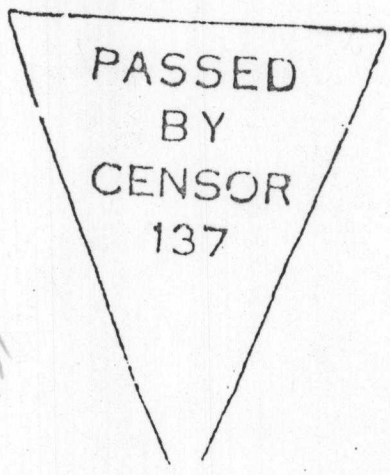
Herewith an unofficial list of seven scarce offices in order of rarity taken from accounting figures of the WW2 period. Should you have one or two of these consider them as scarce as a winning Lotto Canada ticket!

MPO 114 Cedar Springs Ont.	MPO 1313 Calgary Alta.
308 Connaught Ont.	1208 North Battleford Sask.
630 Halifax N.S.	102 Thames Valley Ont.
402 St. Bruno P.Q.	

Unfortunetely the figures for period ending Mar 31, 1945 weren't available but we had them for the other War years. The above is a fair estimate.

89...More interesting postal markings

Wayne Curtis sends a photocopy of a censor marking used by Force "C", Hong Kong. It was applied to the back of the cover. The receiver's strike is dated Jan 10 42. Guertin's book illustrates the triangular mark but is numbered 136. Wayne has added another dimension to a little known area.



C. 268



Two Emergency cancels are shown, one used at MPO 114, Cedar Springs (London District) and the second from Edmonton District, Emergency No 2 which might have been used at Wainwright? Have members details on these or examples of other cancels used during wartime? Please advise. The cover is clean, the photocopier was set too dark. Have just found a note stating that Cedar Springs never had MPO postal equipment. It was an Army base. According to one writer it opened Jun 18, 45 and closed Jun 29, 45. Presumably these are the MPO operation dates not the base opening and closing dates.

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Ed Richardson          | P.O.Box 939, League City, Texas, 77573           |
| J. Colin Campbell      | 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C., VIZ IL6           |
| Ed. A. Harris          | 620 75th Ave., NW, Calgary, Alta., T2K 0P9       |
| Ken. V. Ellison        | R.R. #1, Oyama, B.C., V0H IWO                    |
| Dr. Earle Covert       | Box 1070, Hay River, NWT, XOE ORO                |
| Clarence Stillions     | 4944 Ashby St., NW, Washington, DC, 20007        |
| W.H.Howes              | Box 609, Kindersley, Sask., SOL ISO              |
| J.L.Purcell            | 6 Richardson Drive, Kingston, Ont., K7M 2S6      |
| S.F.Bedwell            | Box 206, Salmon Arm, B.C. V0E 2T0                |
| R.T.Fraser             | Box 8, Rossland, BC                              |
| Major Wm. J. Bailey    | 128 Woodridge Crescent, Apt.5, Bayshore, Ottawa. |
| C. Ron McGuire         | 809 Tavistock Road, Ottawa, Ont., K2B 5N3        |
| John F. Wilsdon        | 19W Royal Forest, Columbus, Ohio, 43214          |
| Wayne R. Curtis        | Box 541, Station B, Montreal, PQ, H3B 3K3        |
| Ken Barlow             | 1055 Ottawa Ave., West Vancouver, BC, V7S 2J2    |
| Frederick Belanger     | 2591 Cailliacxxxxx St., Montreal, PQ, H1N 2V2    |
| Major Ian Morgan       | 22 Holton Ave., Westmount, PQ, H3Y 2E8           |
| W.G. Robinson          | 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC, V6M 3A7         |
| R. Kitchen             | 1387 Pearl St., Ottawa, Ont., KIT 1C6            |
| Mrs. Frances J. Taylor | 1701 NE 104th Street, Seattle, Wash., 98125      |
| W.L.Gutzman            | 272 Vinet Ave., Dorval, PQ                       |
| W.D.Whitehouse         | 2427 Greenfield Ave., Kamloops, BC, V2B 4P6      |
| Willard E. Baker       | PO Box 26, Santa Rosa, Calif., 95402             |
| Mark Blaser            | R.D. # 1, Center Valley, Pa., 18034              |
| E.R.Toop               | PO Box 9026, Ottawa, Ont., KIG 3T8               |
| Gordon M. Hill         | 6701 Laird Court, SW, Calgary, Alta., T3E 6G2    |



3

TYPE	PLAIN	DUPLEX	MACHINE	REG'D.	ROLLER	MOTO	MOON	POCON	METER	REMARKS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
<u>(j) RCAF STATIONS - QUEBEC</u>										SEVEN RETURNS TO 1 JAN 77.
RCAF Bagotville	7	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	2	
ARC Bagotville	6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	
Alouette	5	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	3	
RCAF Lac St.Denis	6	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	
ARC Lac St.Denis	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Lac St.Denis	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	
RCAF Mont Apica	5	/	/	1	/	/	1	/	/	
ARC Mont Apica	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Mont Apica	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	
RCAF Moise → ARC	5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Massey Park	2	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	2	
RCAF Parent	5	/	/	/	/	/	3	/	/	
RCAF Senneterre → ARC	5	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	
Nottaway	1	/	/	1	/	/	1	/	2	
RCAF St.Hubert	6	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	6	TWO METER TYPES P.Q. & QUEBEC.
RCAF St.Jean	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	
ARC St. Jean	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Richelain	2	/	/	1	/	/	1	1	3	
RCAF La Macaza	6	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	
Ecowi	3	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	
St. Sylvestre	1	/	/	/	/	/	5	/	/	

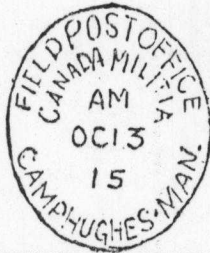
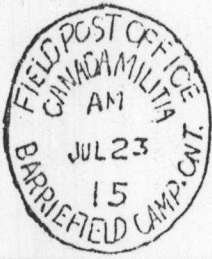
<u>(j) RCAF STATIONS - NEW BRUNSWICK</u>										
RCAF Chatham	6	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	2	
Curtis Park	3	/	/	/	/	1	1	/	1	
RCAF Moncton	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	MAY NOT BE A POST OFFICE.
RCAF St.Margarets	4	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	
James Park	3	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	
Oromocto (CIVILIAN)	4	/	2	1	/	/	2	1	3	
Oromocto - Sub 1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	

<u>(k) RCAF STATIONS - NOVA SCOTIA &amp; P.E.I.</u>										
RCAF Barrington	1	/	/	/	/	/	3	/	/	
RCAF Beaverbank	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Stone Horse	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1	1	
RCAF Greenwood	5	/	5	1	/	/	2	/	2	
Greenwood	2	/	1	1	/	/	2	/	1	
RCAF Summerside	5	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	1	

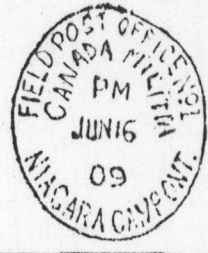
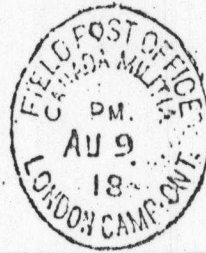
hammer 2

4

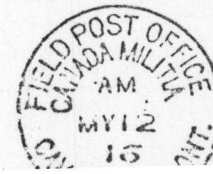
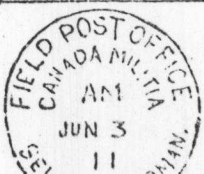
hammer 2



period  
1909--1918



Aldershot Camp N.S.	7	Niagara Camp Ont.	5
		No 1	
Barriefield Camp Ont.	/	plain (words "FIELD POST OFFICE" only)	4
hammer 1 only 1 cancel known		"A"	5
hammer 2	6		
		Petawawa Camp Ont.	
Beamsville Camp Ont.	1	27 1/2 mm	7
		29 mm	5
Calgary Camp Alta.	6		
Camp Borden Ont.	4	St Jean (Camp) P.Q.	
more than one hammer known - all scarce		proofed 1918	2
		proofed 1929 proof only known	/
Farnham Camp Que.	2	Sewell Camp Man.	
		proofed 1911 (hammer 1)	7
Goderich Camp Ont.	2	proofed 1915 proof only known	/
Camp Hughes Man.	3	Sussex Camp N.B.	4
Camp Hughes Manitoba			
hammer 1	4	Trois Rivieres Camp Que.	/
hammer 2 - very scarce	1		
		Valcartier Camp P.Q.	
Levis Camp Que.	3	hammer 1	5
		hammer 2 - very scarce	/
London Camp Ont.	7	hammer 3	2
hammer 1		hammer 4 - very scarce	/
hammer 2 - very scarce	1		
		Vernon Camp B.C.	5
Long Branch (Camp) Ont.	3		





5

In mid-1940 the first definitive Naval censor marking was introduced into the R.C.N. replacing the straight line "PASSED BY CENSOR"

There are few variations in size and style considering the large number of stamps that were manufactured. Examples of the six (6) known varieties are shown here and numbered for ease of reference.

Earliest known date of use for #1 and #2 type is 7 June 1940.

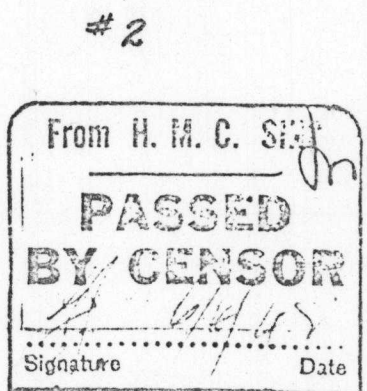
#3 is not common but is known used on both East and West Coasts with the earliest recorded date being 12 December 1942

#4 seems to be very scarce with no dated copies seen to present.

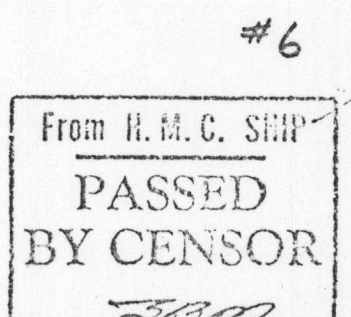
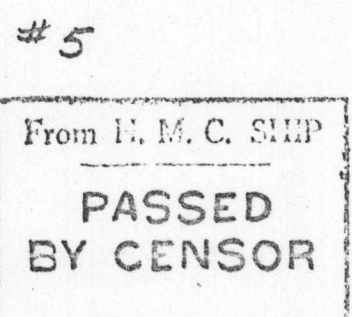
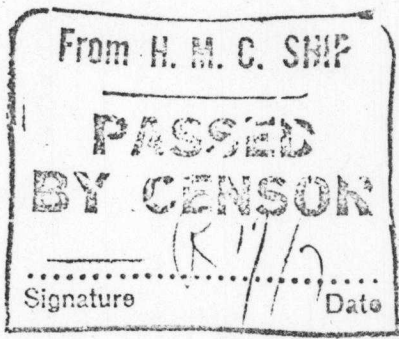
#5 and #6 are known used on the East Coast only, with earliest date being 30 September 1940, from HMCS "St. Clair" at Halifax.

Are there any other known varieties used by the R.C.N. or earlier dates of use than those mentioned?

*see page 90*



#4 →



Period 1909-1918 continued



proof only



strikes known from:

- London Ont
- Barriefield Ont
- Aldershot NS
- Niagara Ont



small lettering rubber hammer

proof dated

proofs only of:

- Vernon BC
- Valcartier PQ
- Sussex NB
- Sarcee Alta



large lettering steel hammer

proof dated

several hammers exist

FIELD P.O. NO 1  
NIAGARA CAMP ONT

roller cancel  
1915



Camp Borden Ont

FIELD P.O. NO 1  
NIAGARA CAMP ONT

\* FPO #1 Niagara Ont

Camp Hughes Man

1918

\* FPO #6 Aldershot NS

FPO #? Petawawa Ont

\* have been seen used



eight metal hammers were made

proof dated 1915

note hammer #16



military camp A

military camp B



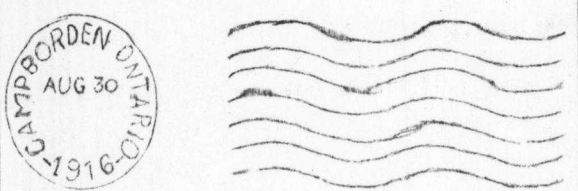
proof only

1916

#15 hammer incorrectly spells -  
"EXEPDITIONARY"



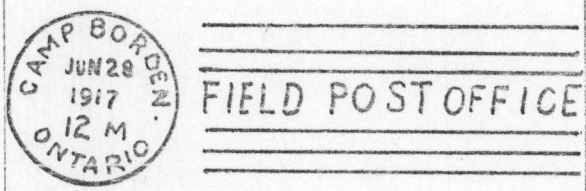
Period 1909-1918 continued



International machine dater die wavy line killer scarce



good strikes are scarce

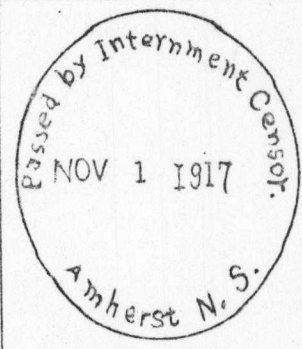


Universal machine dater die  
Camp Borden Ont  
Valcartier PQ  
Toronto Ont



op 1 Jun 17  
cl 19 Jan 19

a 1917 and a 1918 date is known



internment camps in Canada - WW1

censor marks known from:

- Kapuskasing Ont
- Amherst NS
- Vernon BC
- Kingston Ont
- Lethbridge Alta
- Valcartier (PQ)



civil markings used by the Army in WW1

Victoria BC



Toronto Ont



proof copy shown examples not known