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Dear Member:

Our last Newsletter before CAPEX '78, a memorable event for Canada as the host country and a wonderful opportunity for collectors from around the world to meet and share in the good fellowship which our hobby enjoys.

It is most likely that CMMSG members will be attending this event and with this in mind perhaps at 13:30 hours, 14 Jun 78 at the BNAPS lounge we might meet briefly to say hello.

160...Canadian Armed Forces Air Letters - additional finds

For those members following up on AFALs to the extent of sending for the checklist (NL26, item 157) Wilf Whitehouse has prepared an amendment wherein 2 varieties are added to his type 3 listing. These are significant differences as all future amendments will be. A copy will accompany NL27 for readers having a checklist in their possession.

161...More on AFALs - first report

LOCHRYN  
TUB SIZED  
BOND  
BRITISH MADE

Another important find recently has been made concerning a watermark. Wilf has left it for your scribe to bring the details to your attention. The watermark is very clear appearing on a type 6A5 air letter posted at FPO 248 in September 1945. This was at that time #4 Repatriation Depot (C.A.) England. For those having checklists please add to number 6A5 under Watermarks, "Lochryn/Tub Sized Bond/ British Made"- "D". On 6A5 line below, under Wmk, add "D". Under Identification remarks, same line, add "ditto".

Websters - New International - 2nd Ed. (1958) states in part:  
Tub-sized - Designating paper treated by passing through a tub or vat containing a sizing solution as of gelatin or starch.

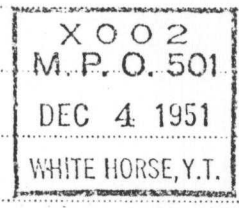
162...New Recruits - we are pleased to welcome

Jim Miller, Box 160, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5K6 and  
Dr. F.C. Plain, M.D., 230 Robson Road, W., Kelowna, B.C. V1X 3C8

163...A "new" MOON

Bill Robinson reports this item (facing slip) not reported in NL16, page 4.  
Readers may add this under the MOON column.

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164...More on Paddy Hughes, E.C.

Credit for our item 158 was incorrectly assigned to Wayne Curtis. Sorry about that. Perhaps the real provider will advise us accordingly.

165...Canadian Military Postmarks by Major W.J. Bailey

A copy of this handbook was received March 15, 1978 and it was a pleasant surprise. A comprehensive guide to the military postmarks used by Canadian Forces at home and abroad. Seventy two pages packed with information beginning in 1900 right through to the present. Postal markings used overseas in WW1 and WW2 and the CAPO/CFPOs from 1950 onward are among the highlights of this most useful checklist. To obtain a copy at \$4.00 (post free) you may write;

The British Commonwealth Stamp Exchange,  
P.O. Box 5083, Stn. "F",  
Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3H3

166...Clarification - Canada Militia Postmarks - 1909-1941

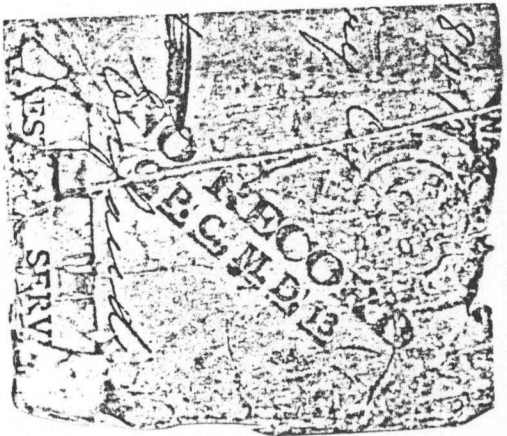
Would those purchasing the above handbook please note on pages 9 and 10 the headings OPEN and CLOSE. Your scribe wishes to point out these should read EARLIEST and LATEST referring to the earliest and latest reported dates of usage of the cancelling hammer, or hammers, at the offices listed. The dates shown were established from more than 800 reports hence should be reasonably accurate. Some of the dates shown have been extended, "earlier" and "later.", in March 1977.

167...Armouries - Manèges Militaire

Further to NL7, pages 1 and 2. Of postal/military interest collateral postcards showing these armouries can now be reported, Halifax, N.S., Quebec, P.Q., Trois-Rivieres, P.Q., Sherbrooke, P.Q. and Ottawa, Ont. All appear of World War One vintage.

168...Early Canadian Postal Corps marking - 1918

Ian Morgan provided the subject of this item and a photocopy was made for our use. The double circle cancel probably was a Field Post Office marking from England. The NO RECORD C.P.C., M.D. 13 stamp is of particular interest to military collectors. The headquarters for M.D. 13 was at Calgary, Alberta. Early C.P.C. material is extremely scarce. Other examples from this period would be welcome, photocopies only, and space will be provided for showing to the membership.



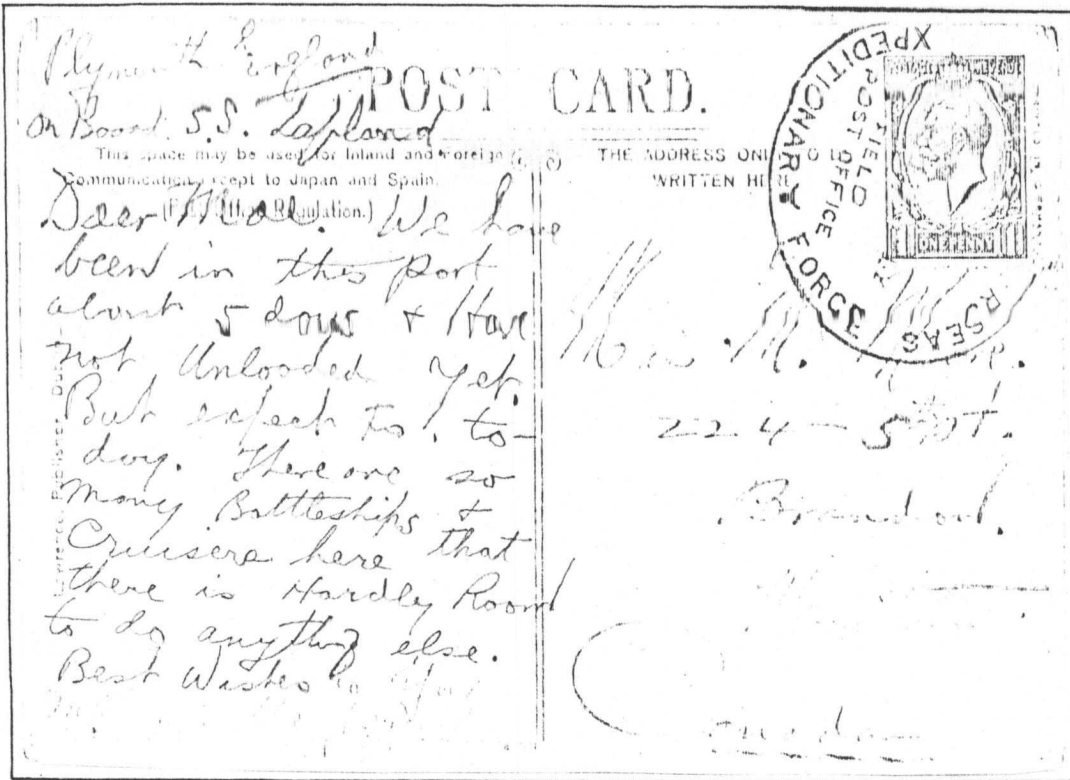
169...Further to item 160...extending period of usage

The following dates have been reported and may be entered on your answer sheet for reference:

MPO No 301	1940	Mar 7	Robinson	MPO No 303	1940	Apr 30	Robinson
				MPO No 601	1940	Apr 2	Robinson
				MPO No 501	1940	Nov 22	Robinson
				(duplex)			

In order of scarcity we have 501 (no dots), 501 (duplex), 301, 601, 201, 101, 501 (with dots), 302 and 303.

170...C.O.F.F. cancellation - Oct 19, 1914



This postcard was recently bought by a fellow ENAPSer and a photocopy made for our use. A good portion of the rubber hammer may be seen and it was struck in purple ink. It is of interest that Lieut. Col. Currie sailed from Quebec aboard the Lapland on September 27th. He commanded the 2nd C.I.B. The voyage ended October 14th and on the 20th Currie and his staff left for Salisbury Plain. Reference is made to the book, Arthur Currie by Hugh M. Urquhart, J.M. Dent and Sons (Canada) Limited, 1950. A proof strike of this hammer is known dated Sep 24, 1914.

171...CDN. SECT. 1951 12 31 APO. 214



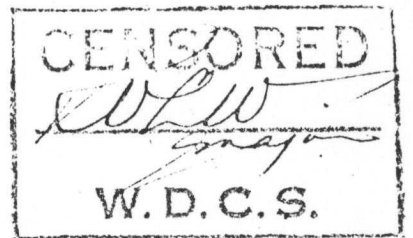
This marking has been seen on a stampless cover to a British Columbia address. The corner card is the Canadian Legion symbol. At the moment the origin of this cover is unknown. Information from members is requested and will be relayed in our next.

KOREA

172...CENSORED W.D.C.S.

This marking has been reported on a cover from Quebec, P.Q. to a Toronto, Ont address. Dated Jan 7, 1946. Information on this one also is requested.

WAR DISEASE Control Stations



173 ... Military machine cancels - part 1

As stated in Newsletter 24 Ken Barlow is gathering data on machine cancels and to date has 50 on his file. Information from other writers is hereby acknowledged and this will be brought up to date. Members will be informed of the number and types to seek for their collections.

The term "machine cancel" brings to mind simply a hub followed by wavy lines but it is quite surprising how varied are the designs and it is hoped that readers will add, in due course, to those listed. Wait till Ken's list has been illustrated in NL-27 and 28 and take it from there.

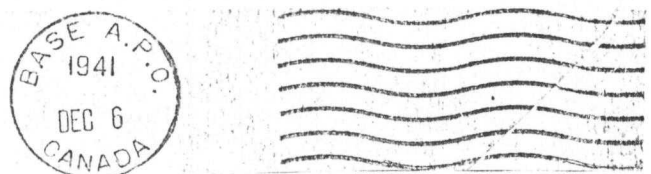
Our type 3 (name only - no MPO number) brings three which are sufficiently varied to warrant illustration:



see also NL15 page 6 for clear illustration

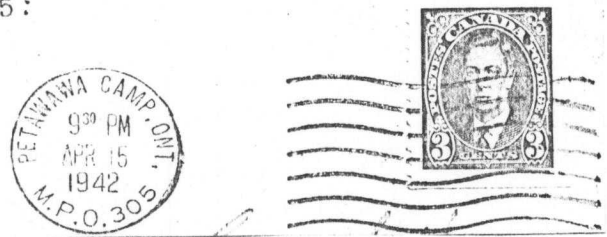


unique in bars being at left similar with figure 5 also known both probably scarce

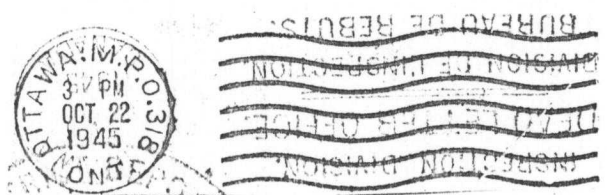


common marking used at Ottawa as cancel and receiver's marking

Type 3A (name and MPO number) is clearly represented by PETAWAWA CAMP, ONT. M.P.O. 305:



DEBERT. N.S. M.P.O. 603 and CAMP BORDEN. M.P.O. 202 also are of this type as is TRENTON, ONT. M.P.O. 303



very similar and still type 3As OTTAWA. M.P.O. 318 ONT. NIAGARA M.P.O. 203 ONTARIO BARRIEFIELD, M.P.O. 302 ONTARIO

Type 3B (MPO number at 6 o'clock) here illustrated:

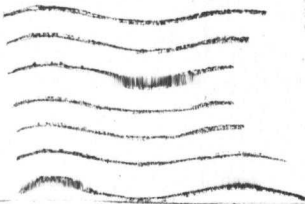


H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S.

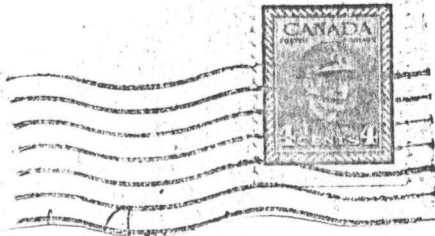


3 (F) Wing R.C.A.F.  
Zweibrucken, Germany  
also  
CFPO 107 and CFPO 108

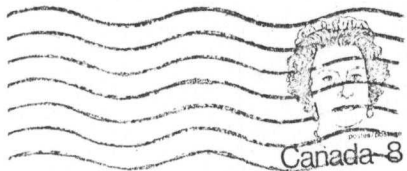
Type 3C (MPO number at 12 o'clock)



Ottawa R.C.A.F. H.Q.

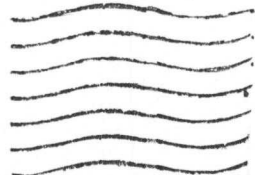


Halifax N.S. RCN machine unique  
for its decorative marks



a surprise 3 B/C used at Eaden  
Soellingen, Germany where the  
postal code is KOK 3RO

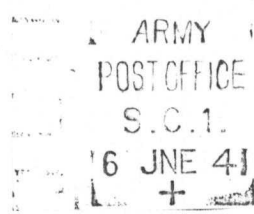
Type 3D (MPO number only-no name)



from Static Canadian 2 Postal  
Depots London/Manchester

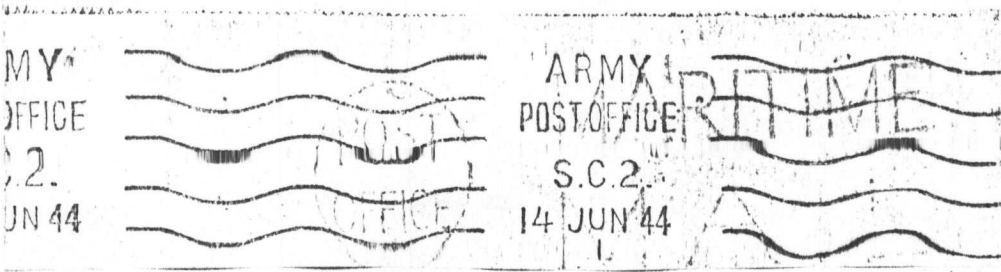
Some machine cancels used overseas were the Krag type with 4 or 5 bars as shown:

*Canadian Army Overseas*

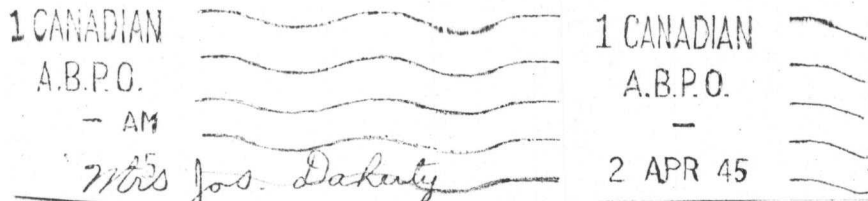


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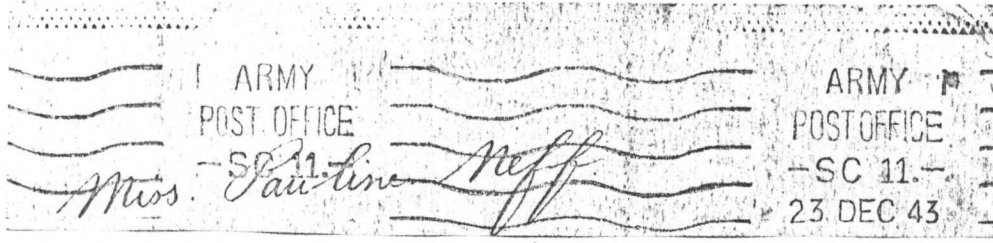
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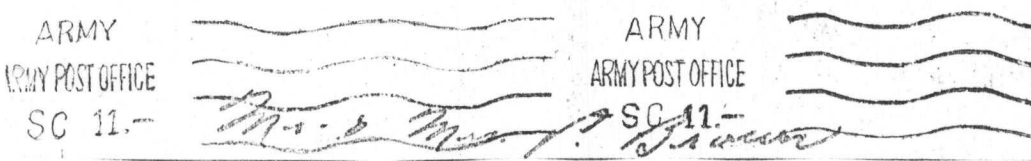
These from Static Canadian Depots 1 and 2. The former bears an Orderly Room stamp entitled No 1 Canadian Base Depot, on the back of the cover.



from Army Base Post Office note AM at left impression



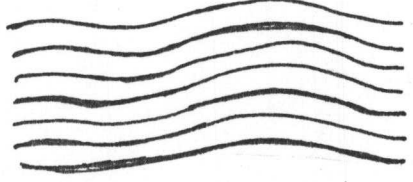
from Aldershot this Static Canadian 11



followed by a 4 bar also SC 11 note designation ARMY appearing twice

See # 18

There are 24 different shown above presented in order of types from WW2 to date. Some 30 have yet to follow so please check your holdings and be prepared. After we are familiar with the different machine markings a survey will follow to check the rarity factor.



Room for two more, the one shown, and the other, 1 BASE P.O. MONTREAL P.Q. making 26 so far listed.

174...FIRST REPORTS - type 4A (oblong) REGISTERED stamps

Victoria, B.C. M.P.O. 1103

Vancouver, B.C. M.P.O. 1106

Chilliwack, B.C. M.P.O. 1107

Prince Rupert, B.C. M.P.O. 1110

See NL23 (item 120) page 2 and add these

for your reference.

Another SALUTE to Ed Harris who does the photocopying for the Group. (your scribe)

CHEERS,

Colin, Ed, Kam.

*Amendment  
# 2*

*Ken Ellison 142a*

Further information on Armed Forces Air Letters of WWII

W. Whitehouse

Until now it has been my firm belief that there was only one printing and one set of plates used in the production of AFAL type #3 (Fig. 1). This belief was due to the fact that the printing was done in an emergency (200,000 sheets has been suggested) and the fact that the Postal Historian was not able to add anything to the information already in my possession.

When a copy of type 3 with a missing comma after "Branch" and dated March 1943 came into my collection some time ago, it was dismissed as being simply a fly speck variety caused probably by a lack of ink. When the second copy dated April 1943 came my way I put off a decision on whether or not a second set of plates, or another printing was involved. It was of course possible that we were still dealing with a minor flaw or lack of ink.

Now Brian Plain of Kelowna has sent me a copy of type 3 dated August 1943 (Fig. 2) which not only contains the missing comma after "Branch" but a change in the postal instructions reading "AFFIX/6d/POSTAGE/AFFIX". The fact that Brian had two copies of this variety convinced me that we could procrastinate no longer and varieties in type 3 must be recognized and added to the checklist.

Readers will note that there are just enough differences on the front panel of #3b (Fig. 2) to suggest that a second set of plates is involved while the August 1943 date of use indicates the possibility that a second printing is a distinct possibility. However, we must wait and see what other members have to report in this connection.

In the meantime, the following should be added to the checklist under #3 as follows :-

- #3a - under "POSTAGE DETAILS" - ditto marks
- under "REMARKS" - on back panel, no comma after Branch
- #3b - under "POSTAGE DETAILS" - AFFIX/6d/POSTAGE/AFFIX
- under "REMARKS" - on back panel, no comma after Branch

(Fig. 1) & (Fig. 2) overpage.

An amendment in type #5 should be made in the checklist as follows:-

- #5A5 - under "REMARKS" - delete 37 and insert 43

**AIR LETTER FROM  
ARMED FORCES**

**AFFIX  
6d.  
POSTAGE  
HERE**

**BY AIR MAIL**

**IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS  
LETTER WILL BE SENT  
BY ORDINARY MAIL**

**M**

**Street, Box, or  
R.R. and No.**

**P.O.**

**PROV.**

*No watermark*

**CANADA**

**FROM**

**Number, Rank, or  
Rating and Name**

**Unit (Company, Battery,  
Ship, Squadron, etc.)**

**Regiment, Branch,  
Establishment or Station**

**Service**

**OVERSEAS**

(Fig. 1) #3 in checklist



# AIR LETTER FROM ARMED FORCES

**BY AIR MAIL**



AFFIX  
6d  
POSTAGE  
AFFIX

(under postage stamp)

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS  
LETTER WILL BE SENT  
BY ORDINARY MAIL

M *Mrs. J. C. Pollard,*  
Street, Box, or  
R.R. and No.  
P.O. *Newbrook,*  
PROV. *Alberta,*

**CANADA**

**FROM**

Number, Rank, or  
Rating and Name *A/30864 Cpl. Pollard, T.E.*

Unit (Company, Battery,  
Ship, Squadron, etc.) *S. H. A.*

Regiment, Branch  
Establishment or Station

Service *Royal Canadian Air Force.*

