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Dear Member:

237...Historic Notes - Canadian Almanac 1919-p153

The Canadian Postal Corps dates its seniority from May 3, 1911. In 1919 the Corps Headquarters was at Ottawa with Base Post Office at Toronto. The Assistant Director of Postal Services was Lt. Col. G. Ross, I.S. Order, and detachments were as follows:

- |    |                |    |                |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| #1 | London, Ont.   | #6 | Halifax, N.S.  |
| 2  | Toronto        | 7  | Winnipeg, Man. |
| 3  | Kingston       | 8  | Calgary, Alta. |
| 4  | Montreal, P.Q. | 9  | Victoria, B.C. |
| 5  | Quebec         | 10 | Regina, Sask.  |

\* Imperial Service Order A civil order of distinction.

238...REGISTERED postal marking - further to 226



One only report received with illustration shown. A partial strike reading CANADIAN P.O. BRAMSHOTT CAMP used on the back of a Registered cover as a receiver's marking.

239...Military Postal History - further to NL21/100 - cont'd.

ENAPS Topics 1977

- May-June p8 Yukon Field Force. Additional information to previously published article.
- July-August p43 South Africa cachet (Letters to the Editor)  
John Wannerton
- p48 The Canadian Postal Corps in the Boer War - fifth in a series.
- Sept - Oct p31 The Canadian Military Mail Study Group-note of interest
- p43 The Canadian Postal Corps in the Boer War. Letter to Deputy Postmaster General.
- Nov - Dec p35 The Canadian Postal Contingent in South Africa 1899-1900 by staff of National Postal Museum.
- p45 Forces Mail. Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force cover.
- p49 The Canadian Military Mail Study Group. Progress report.

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- Jan - Feb p16 The Forgotten Contingent by Kenneth Rowe. Additional Canadian troops sent to South Africa. Particular attention is drawn to this article.
- p36 Canadian Armed Forces Air Letters by W. Whitehouse.
- Mar - Apr p33 A Canadian Military Postmarks handbook by Major W.J. Bailey. Review of handbook.

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Nov - Dec p26 The Canadian YMCA in the Anglo-Boer War by Kenneth Rowe. Complete with checklist of YMCA stationery.

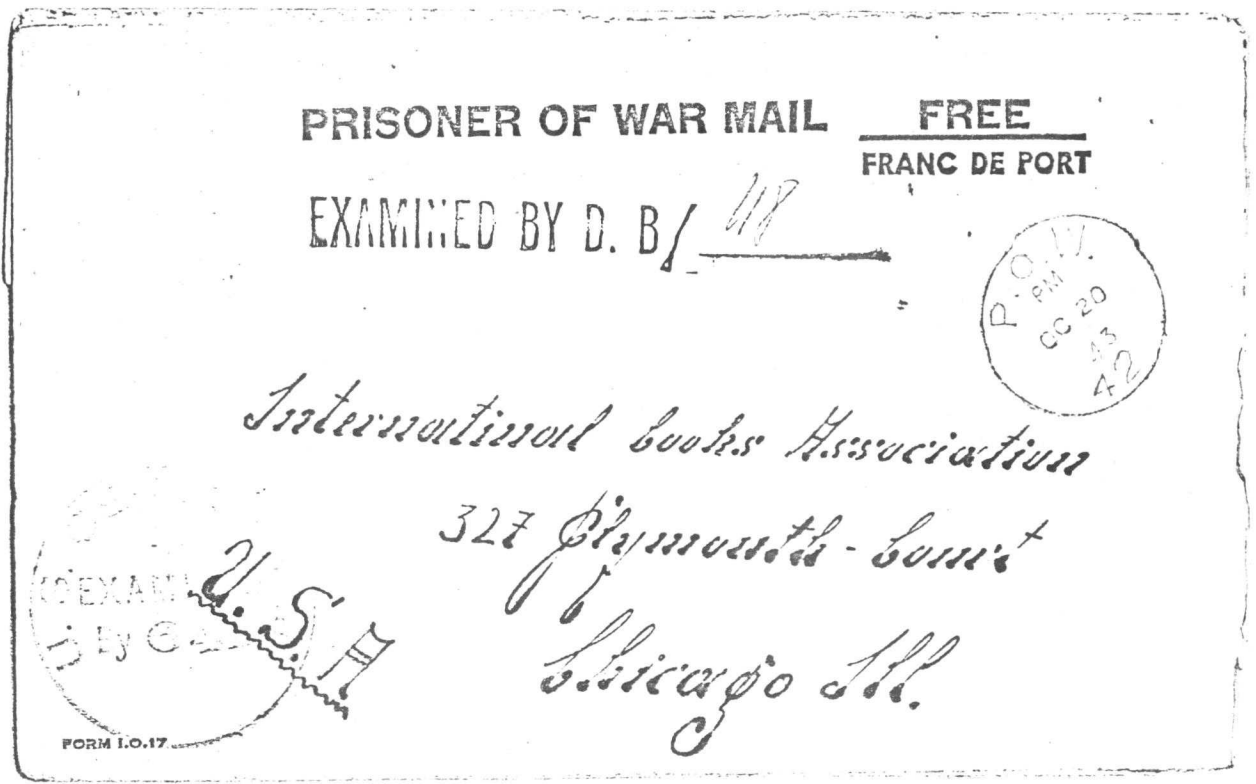
240...The British Garrison in Quebec City as Described in Newspapers from 1764 to 1840.

by Claudette Lacelle (1979)

A brief, interesting collection of information. The British garrison entered Quebec in 1759 and was stationed there until 1871. Newspapers first appeared in 1764. Unfortunately no comments on postal facilities. Report published under authority Hon. J. Hugh Faulkner Minister responsible for Parks, Canada.

Available by mail from Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services, Canada, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9. Price in Canada \$4.50. Other countries \$5.40.

241...Prisoner of War Mail - Camps in Canada



The Wartime Mails and Stamps- Canada-1939 - 46 by the late H.E. Guertin, parts 4 and 5, contain much useful information on prisoner of war mail, mail from enemy aliens and the censorship of mail. While these three are closely tied we should like to keep them as separate items as far as possible.

The group of cancellations represented by the illustration is seldom seen. Proof strikes are known for most of those listed with date of proofing for some at least, February 12, 1943.

Major I.C. Morgan, in March 1946, made reference to some of these in BNA Topics. A more complete listing is now possible.

<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Camp Opening Date</u>	<u>Cancel Reported</u>
10	Chatham, Ont.	May 1944	yes
20	Gravenhurst, Ont.	Jul 40	yes
21	Espanola, Ont.	Jul 40	yes
22	Mimico, Ont.	Jul 40	
23	Monteith, Ont.	Nov 41	yes

Prisoner of War Mail - Camps in Canada - cont'd.

<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Camp Opening Date</u>	<u>Cancel Reported</u>
30	Bowmanville, Ont.	Nov 1941	yes
31	Kingston, Ont.	Jul 40	yes
32	Hull, Que.	Aug 41	yes
33	Petawawa, Ont.	Sep 39	
40	Farnham, Que.	Jul 41	
42	Sherbrooke, Que.	Oct 40	yes
43	Montreal, Que. (St. Helen's Is.)	Jul 40	
44	Grande Ligne, Que.	Jun 43	yes
45	Sorel, Que.	Jun 45	
100	Neys, Ont.	Jan 41	yes
101	Angler, Ont.	Jan 41	yes
130	Seebe, Alta.	Sep 39	yes
132	Medicine Hat, Alta.	Jan 43	yes
133	Lethbridge, Alta. (was Ozada)	Nov 42	yes

Please note. This is not a complete listing of P. O. W. camps in Canada, only those camps at which the subject cancel might have been applied to mail.

—Thanks to Ken Ellison for photostats of covers. Can members report and provide evidence of those unreported cancels?

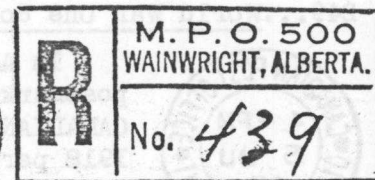
242...New Recruit

Welcome Norman C. Tunna, c/o Nortun Explorations Ltd., Suite 1070, 808 4th Avenue, S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 0K4.

243...MPO 511- Wainwright, Alberta

The opening date of this office is not known to your scribe. Advance notice of these openings is not available apparently. We have attempted to be put on a mailing list but to no avail. A POCON and a circular stamp are shown the latter from a Registration receipt.

**MPO 511**  
26 V, 1979  
**577731**



Taking a backward pace in time we think readers would like to see 2 slightly different cancellations used at Wainwright a few years ago. The earlier strike is 1/2mm smaller than the later model. The inscription however is 1/2mm taller. Note the absence of dots either side of ALBERTA. Both cancels rate as our type 1A.

244...Postal/Military History Seminar - PIPEX '79

Six CMMSG members attended this show. R. Thurlow Fraser earned a silver medal for 12 frames entitled Canada's Military Mail from 1870-1939. Messr's Robinson, Fraser and Campbell conducted the 2 1/2 hour seminar in the Royal Suite atop the Royal Towers Hotel overlooking the Fraser River. How on that!

245...Canadian Military Mail Study Group - objective

To record the use of examples of all military post marks used by the Canadian Armed Forces anywhere in the world and, through research, to add new material to that already written concerning Canadian postal/military history.

## 246...Further to 229 - FREE postage from Newfoundland

Ken Ellison reports some early dates from CAPOs as follows:

CAPO #	FORCE W	RCAF
1	SP 9 41	JAN 12 42
2	SP 14 41	SP 16 41
3	OC 19 41	JU 14 42
4	nil	AU 13 42
5	DE 31 42	OC 10 42
10	JUL 21 42	NOV 21 42



Please note the distinction of Force W and RCAF when reporting early or late dates.

Ken also reports these dates of usage for the elusive C.P.C. cancels shown here. Can anyone report earlier dates?

St. John's	CPC hammer			
1		SP 2 1941	Military Censor No. 9	Sherbrooke Fus.
2		SP 2 41	" "	No. 25 regiment unknown

## 247...MPO 200 - SYDNEY N.S.



This one just arrived to join the pack of new MPOs. While the abbreviation, M.P.O., strikes a familiar chord one wonders why C.A.F.P.O. (Canadian Armed Forces Post Office) should not be the official title?

## 248...Field Post Office - Siberia - earlier date-cancel and censor marking

A second report of this scarce item. Note the Orderly Room stamp is the same as that in our item 214. It is remarkable after 60 years since these markings were struck that two examples should appear within a six month period. See illustration on page 5.

## 249...World War One double ring postmarks used by the Canadian Army



In April 1974 Mr. R.A. Kingston sent us a list of Camps using the postmark illustrated. Twenty five different were listed but the word CANADIAN was common to all. The inclusive dates known are in the 1915-1918 period. More detail will follow on these scarce cancels but please send photocopies of any you might have in your collection and we will be pleased to show them in a future Newsletter.

## 250...Reference book - The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada by Lt. Col. W.T. Barnard, E.D., C.D. (1960)

This regimental history is recommended to those interested in the C.A.P.O. cancels used in Newfoundland and referred to earlier in this Newsletter. Chapter XI relates the arrival of the 1st Battalion in Botwood (CAPO 3) on August 10, 1940 where they relieved the Black Watch who had been there six weeks. A camp was established and training commenced in order to carry out their internal security role on the island.

The QOR's story would be typical of the early days of World War Two where troops were required for guard duties. Later of course post office service became necessary and another chapter of postal/military history began.

All for now... Colin, Sid & Ken.

241... P.O.W. camps in Canada - number 30 dated MY 31 43 - cont'd.

PRISONER OF WAR

Sender: *Georgia Schipper* No. *51830*

Rank: *Oberleutnant* Service: *Luftwaffe*

Internment Camp: *"30"*

BASE POST OFFICE - OTTAWA, CANADA

From *Elisabeth Breud*

*AF*

*Deutsche Land*

*Erfurt*

*Reibelstr. 5.*

FORM I.O. 29

EXAMINED BY CENSOR *AB 611*

248...cont'd. Siberia FPO cancel and censor stamp

On Active Service

(1)

*Mc Wesley Van*

*Lansdowne*

*Fredericton*

*New Brunswick*

*Canada*

25911


JAN 29 1943



EXP. FORCE


BY CENSOR 014



246... cont'd - C.P.C. hammer No. 1 - early usage

	NAME <i>Edw</i>
	UNIT <i>Active</i>
	No. <i>Army,</i>
SERVING WITH CANADIAN FORCES	



*Lieut H Welsh*  
*S.F.R. A Coy*  
*Fame W.*  
*C.A.R.O # 1*  
*Edw Army Officers*

*Mrs. H Welsh*  
*159 Quebec St.*  
*Sherbrooke,*  
*Que*  
*Canada*

251... CAMP MILITAIRE ST. JEAN D'IBERVILLE, P.Q. - a fine strike

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