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Dear Member:

252...Henry Hechler - merchant - collector/dealer - soldier

Most military mail collectors will recognize the name, Henry Hechler and it is likely some have seen items of postal stationery, overprinted SERVICE, which may be attributed to him. His activities form a small facet of the Canadian Military Mail story.

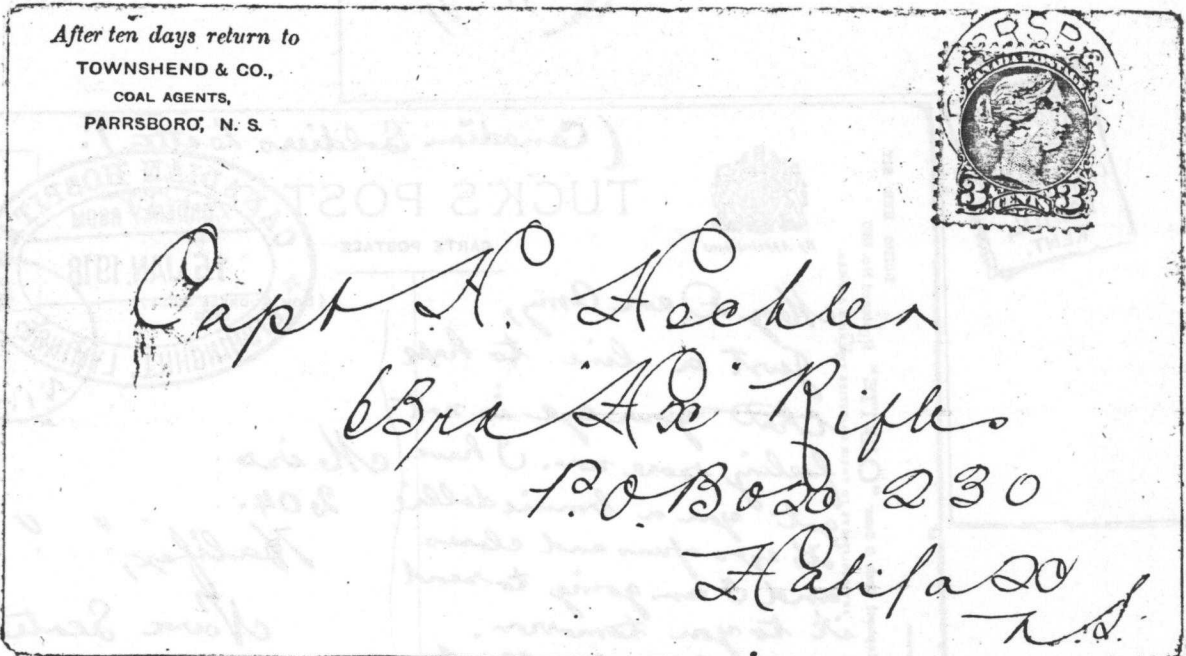
Hechler was born in Germany in 1853 coming to Canada shortly after the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. He settled in Halifax. He soon became involved in the whole-sale/retail tobacco trade, coins and stamps for collectors and in the 63rd Battalion Halifax Rifles.

Hechler served in the North-West Rebellion of 1885 and it was during this period that much of his pseudo official material was produced.

In 1898 he was a Captain of one of the six companies of the 63rd Rifles. He died in 1927.

An extensive philatelic exhibit of Hechler covers exists and has been shown in Eastern Canada on a number of occasions. Two articles may be read, one in BNA TOPICS for September 1963 written by the late Fred Jarrett and the other in the official handbook of CANPEX '72 (RPS) written by Dr. F.G. Stulberg.

An excellent account written for the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Halifax Rifles in 1860 appeared in the Atlantic Advocate of May 1960. A purely military article. Photocopies (5 pages) may be obtained from your scribe at copying and postage expenses.



Cover to Hechler dated DE 31 '94 and backstamped the same day.

253...Canadian Philately - Bibliography and Index - 1864-1973

This reference by Cimon Morin (1979) is available by mail from Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9. The cost in Canada is \$9.80 and other countries \$11.80. These references are bi-lingual.

A FIRST for Canadian collectors there are many references for the military mail collector, i.e.:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| FB/2727 - 2789                | -4 Siberian Expedition | 2827-2833 |
| blackout cancels 2786 - 2789  | -5 World War One       | 2834-2846 |
| FB-1 Riel Rebellion 2790-2796 | -6 World War Two       | 2847-2869 |
| -2 Nile Expedition 2797-2801  | -7 postal stat (mil)   | 2870-2873 |
| -3 Boer War 2802-2826         |                        |           |

Approximately 146 references which may be borrowed from various libraries but chiefly from the BNAPS reference library.

Consisting of 281 pages the bibliography covers every phase of Canadian philately under two major headings:

- PART 1 Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery
- 2 Postal History and Postal Markings

254...Canadian War Hospital markings - World War One

Space permits us to feature these scarce markings which appear on soldier's letters. Readers are invited to send photocopies of any they have in their collections for showing in future Newsletters. World War One only at first please.

CANADIAN WAR HOSPITAL  
THE BEACH, WALMER.



POSTED BY  
A WOUNDED  
SOLDIER AT  
THE WALMER  
CANADIAN WAR  
HOSPITAL,  
KENT.

(Canadian Soldiers Letter)

**TUCK'S POST**

CARTE POSTALE



By Appointment



*My Dear Amy,*  
*Just a line to hope*  
*that your eye is not*  
*feeling sore now. I have*  
*got you a bonnie dollie*  
*its eyes opens and closes*  
*and I am going to send*  
*it to you tomorrow.*  
*With love to all at*  
*home. your loving*  
*Brother.*

Miss  
204.  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia,  
Canada

DOING HER BIT  
Raphael Tuck & Sons  
OIFFETTE Postcard No. 8887  
ART PUBLISHERS TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING & QUEEN.

Printed in the U.K.

255...World War Two Canadian Postal Corps overseas postal markings

A number of people have contributed to the presentation of this important item to our military mail story. Major Bailey, the late H. Guertin, Wilf Whitehouse, Ken Ellison and Bill Robinson who updated the material for us. There were others who helped and more work remains to be done.

This survey is an attempt to list the several Canadian type markings which were used. In most cases these were single ring steel hammers with large letters - similar to normal Canadian daters of the same period. Some of the offices also used 33 and 44 mm circular rubber daters. A few larger offices used Krag or Universal machines and these were included in our survey in NL29/194.

The lettering and numbering of these offices followed the system developed during World War 1. The significance of the various letters was as follows:

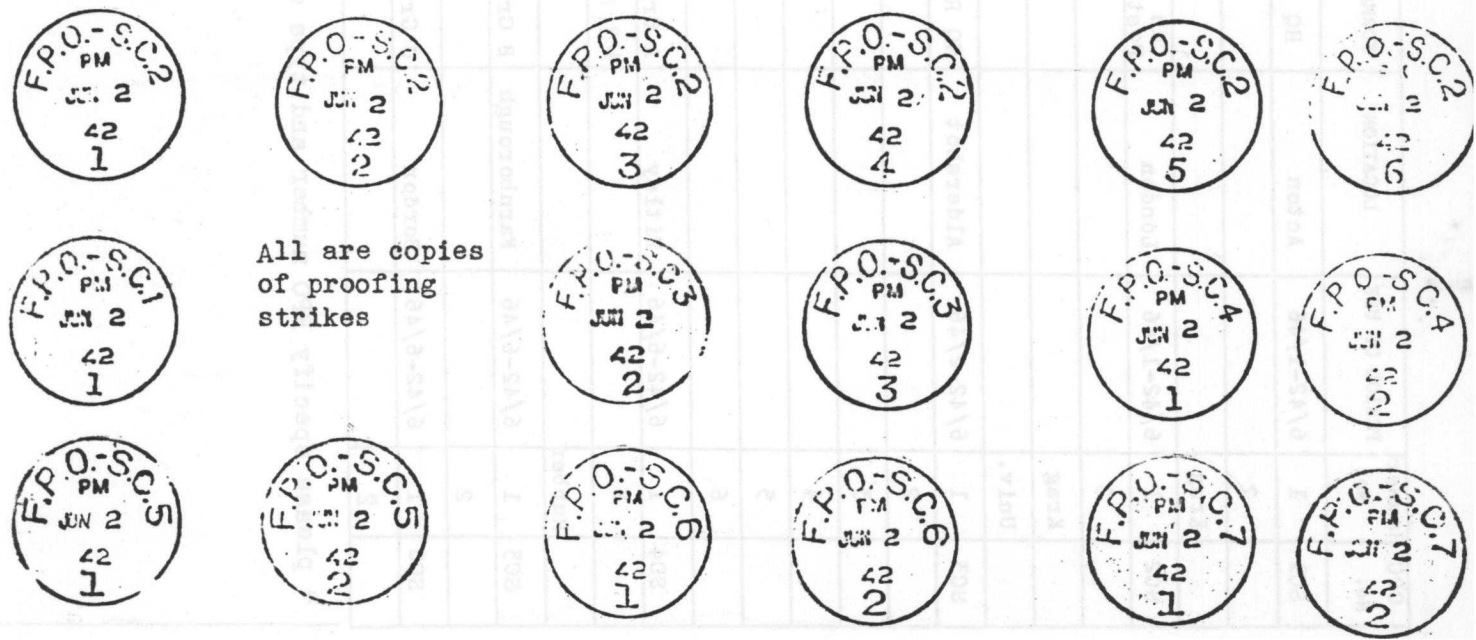
- S - Static, i.e. the office was in a fixed location to serve troops there. It did not accompany a specific unit.
- C - Canadian Office.
- A - Army where used as a prefix, e.g. AC1  
Armoured where used as a suffix, e.g. CA1
- H - Corps, e.g. HC1 - 1st Canadian Corps HQ.
- D - Division, e.g. DCA4 - 4th Cdn. Armoured Division.
- T - Administrative Area, e.g. TC1 - Admin Area, 1st Canadian Infantry Division.  
Derived from "Train".  
Where used as a suffix - Tank, e.g. BTCL - 1st Canadian Army Tank Brigade.
- B - Brigade, e.g. BTCL, as above.

Static Canadian Offices numbers 1 - 12 served training and administrative centres in the United Kingdom, while the 700 series of offices were employed in North West Europe during 1944-46 on the lines of communication, and at reinforcement or administrative centres.

The reader should also bear in mind that many of the Canadian units used British FPO hammers either concurrently or at different periods along with the Canadian type markings listed here. These can be cross checked against the list of British type hammers allocated to Canadian units - published in Newsletter 31/212.

The Editor will be most interested in receiving any reports of additional offices or hammers not listed. At a later date a survey return will be requested.

N.B. When referring to these cancellations in correspondence please show the hammer number, e.g. FPO SC1(2).



CPC No.	Hammer No.	PERIOD OF USE	LOCATION	FORMATION/UNIT	SINGLE RING CDS	OTHER
SC1	1	6/42-1/46	Acton	HQ CPC		
	2					
	Krag					Machin
SC2	1	6/42-1/46	London	Cdn Overseas Postal Depot		
	2					
	Krag					Machin
	Univ.					Machin
SC3	1	6/42-2/46	Aldershot	HQ Reinf.U.	✓	
	2					
	3					
	4					
	5					
	6					
SC4	1	6/42-6/46	Witley	A GrpReinf.U.		
	2			HQ / CON.COD		
	Rubber					33mm
SC5	1	6/42-6/46	Farnborough	B Grp.Reinf.		
	2					
SC6	1	6/42-6/46	Bordon	C Grp.Reinf.	✓	
	2					
CPC No.	Hammer No.	PERIOD OF USE	LOCATION	FORMATION/UNIT	SINGLE RING CDS	OTHER
SC7	1	6/42-6/46	London	CMHQ		
	2					
SC8	1	6/42-12/45	Nottingham	Army Pflgt.		
	2					
SC9	1		Colchester	Cdn Troops		
SC10	1	6/42-2/46	Farnham	Cdn 2nd Ech		
SC11	1	6/42-2/46	Aldershot	D Grp Reinf		
	2				✓	
	3				✓	
	Rubber					33mm
	Krag (2)					Machin
SC12	1	5/42-3/46	Cove	E Grp Reinf		
SC751		10/44-4/45	N.W.Europe	LofC		
SC752		10/44-4/45	N.W.Europe	LofC		
SC753		10/44-4/45	N.W.Europe	LofC		
SC754		10/44-4/45	N.W.Europe	LofC		
SC755		10/44-1/46	N.W.Europe	HQ 1 CdnArmy		
SC756		10/44-2/46	N.W.Europe	1 Reinf Gp		
SC757		10/44-2/46	N.W.Europe	1 Reinf Gp		
SC758		<del>10/44-2/46</del>		<del>1 Reinf Gp.</del>		
SC760		10/44-2/46	N.W.Europe	2 Reinf Gp		

\* please specify FPO number and type or description of "other" items -



C.P.C No.	Hammer No.	PERIOD OF USE	LOCATION	FORMATION/UNIT	SINGLE RING CDS	OTHER
SC761		10/44-2/46	N.W.Europe	2 Reinf Gp		
SC762		10/44-2/46	N.W.Europe	2 Reinf Gp		
SC764		6/45-6/46	Holland	Occup. Force	✓	
	Univ.					Machine CAF 1
SC765		6/45-6/46	Germany	Occup. Force		
	Univ.					Machine CAF 2
SC766		6/45-4/46	Germany	Occup. Force		
	Univ.					Machine CAF 3
SC767		6/45-4/46	Germany	Occup. Force		
	Univ.					CAF 4 Machine
SC769		6/45-4/46	Germany	Occup. Force		
	Univ.					CAF 5 Machine
SC770		6/45-4/46	Germany	Occup. Force		
	Univ.					CAF 6 Machine
1 Cdm ABPO	Krag	10/44-1/46	N.W.Europe	Base PO		Machine
AC1	1	6/42-1/46	Eng., NWEur.	HQ 1 Cdm Army	✓	
HCI	1	6/42-6/45	Eng., NWEur.	HQ 1 Corps	✓	
THCI	1	6/42-6/45	Eng., NWEur.	1 Corps Supply	✓	
HC2	1	6/42-6/45	Eng., NWEur.	HQ 2 Corps	✓	
THC2	1	6/42-6/45	Eng., NWEur.	2 Corps Supply	✓	

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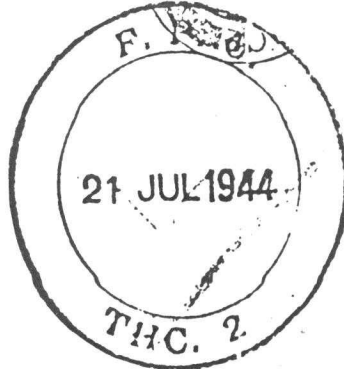
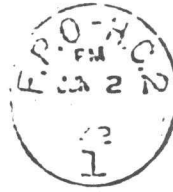
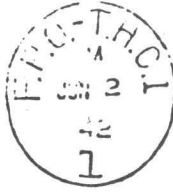
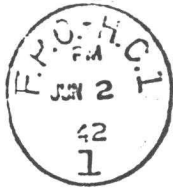
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For those of us who like pictures we illustrate more copies of proofing strikes. Our listing and back-up illustrations should make possible a first class survey return when that time comes.

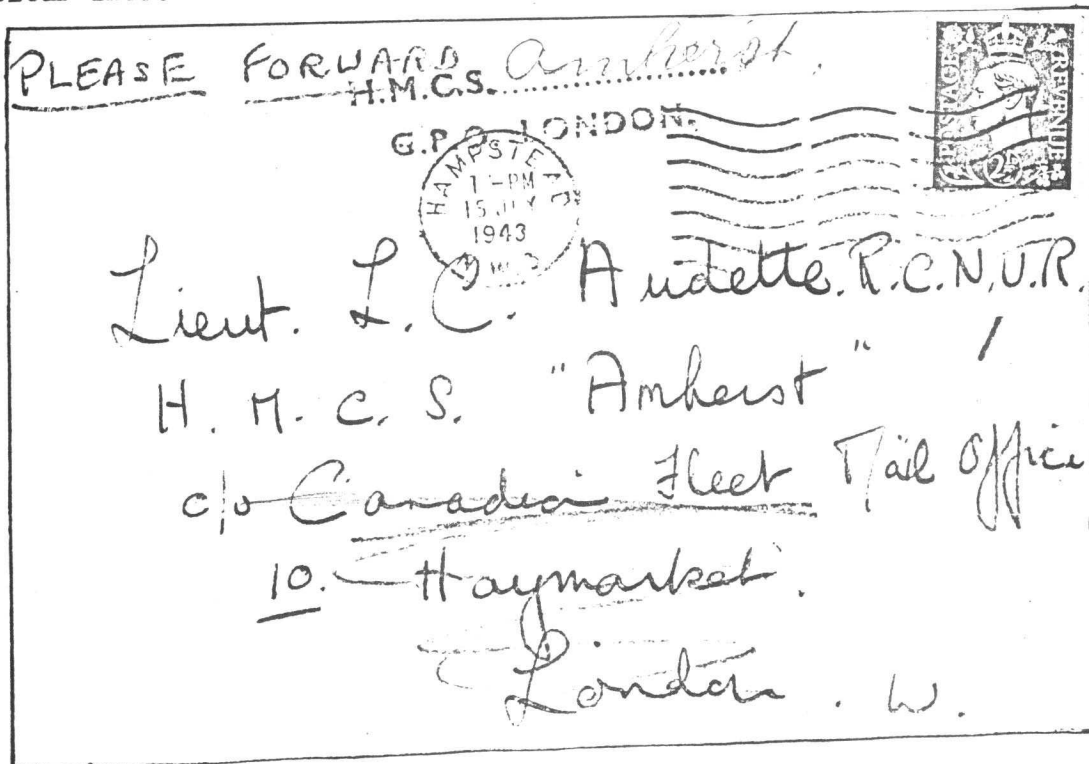


256...Re-directed covers - World War Two and afterward

Some time ago member Wayne Curtis sent a photocopy showing a re-direction 2 line marking which is shown below.

The CFMO in London apparently didn't know the whereabouts of the Corvette Amherst so the letter was sent to GPO London for their action. As no further markings appear on the cover it must have reached its destination.

Wilf Whitehouse who advised us on the above notes recently received a re-directed cover for his collection sporting a similar 2 line stamp reading, H.M.C.S..... F.M.O. Victoria, B.C. The interesting point however was the postmark date of 1957, a clear indication of Governmental thrift in retaining the stamp for so many years!



We hope ENAPEX '79 of September 13-15 in Quebec was a huge success.

All for now, Sid, Ken + Colin