

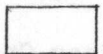
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March 19, 1980

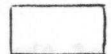
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Dear Member:-

Call for dues - reminder



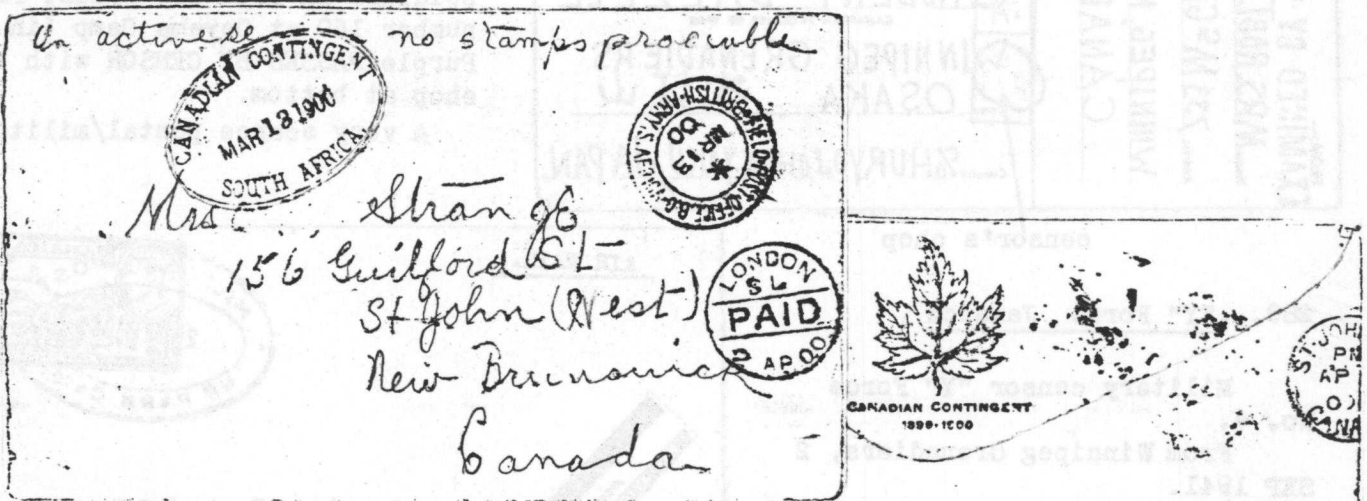
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Please send cheque to Ken direct made out personally to him. Thanks.

285...Further to item <sup>228</sup> ~~288~~ *aka*



John Wannerton sends photocopies of the cover he reported earlier. These have been reduced and darkened for clarity. We believe this to be the earliest reported date known for the plain Canadian Contingent cachet without EN ROUTE.

John reports seeing a F.P.O. SC755 cancellation on a Netherlands postage stamp. Our NL 34, item 255, page 4, lists this cancel of course but has anyone considered looking through stamps of the Netherlands to find examples? Be the first on this side of the pond to report a similar find.

Finally, John advises he will be letting us have a copy of a postal history project on Boer War material.

286...Volunteer

Would one or two member/readers be interested in writing 3 or 4 articles for TOPICS in the name of the CMMSG? Material from the Newsletters could of course be used. Please advise Chairman Colin if you would like to take on this project.

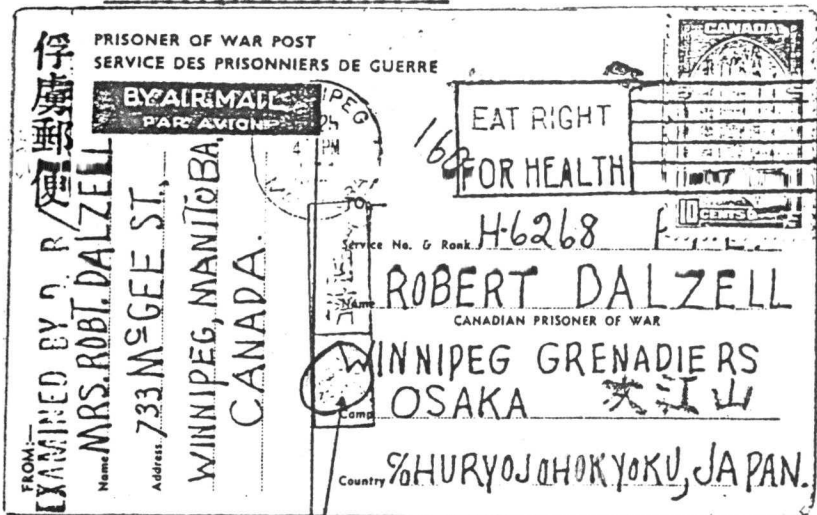
287...Future projects

We are beginning to gather material covering the British type postal markings which include the word CANADAIAN, or its abbreviation, and those used on Canadian Soldier's Mail bearing camp names. Our item 199 started the ball rolling. Photocopies of any you have would be welcome. This promises to be quite an extensive listing.

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We will also be extending the CFPO/CAPO listings begun in NL 35, item 270 and continued in NL 36, item 280 from the respective cut-off dates up to the present. Also any usage of those datestamps #25 to 32 used on dates other than presently listed. Any assistance you can render would be appreciated as it all takes time and effort.

288...Hong Kong P.O.W. Mail



Ken Ellison sent a photocopy of a fine air mail postcard which we have reduced. The following caption applies:

To Private of the Winnipeg Grenadiers  
JUL 25 1944  
Canadian Prisoner of War card for soldiers in Japanese hands. Prisoner number 160 at Oeyama Camp (in red). Purple PASSED BY CENSOR with censor's chop at bottom.

A very scarce postal/military item.

censor's chop

289... "Y" Force Jamaica

Military censor "Y" Force No. 4.

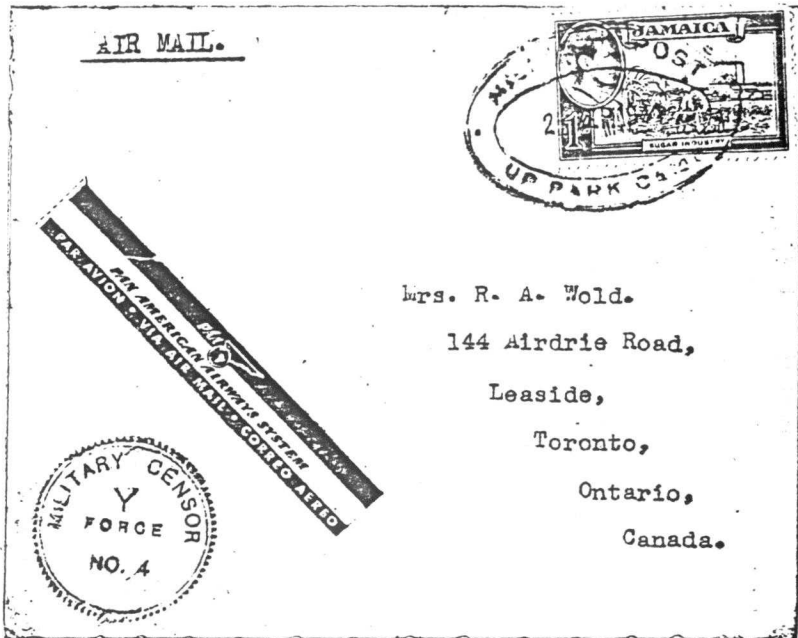
From Winnipeg Grenadiers, 2 SEP 1941.

British postmark "MILITARY POST UP PARK CAMP."

A late date as the Grenadiers left Jamaica 13 September 1941 on their way to Hong Kong.

They were a machine gun unit.

Thanks go to Ken for this fine addition to our Newsletter.



290...Mails for Reinforcements - WW1

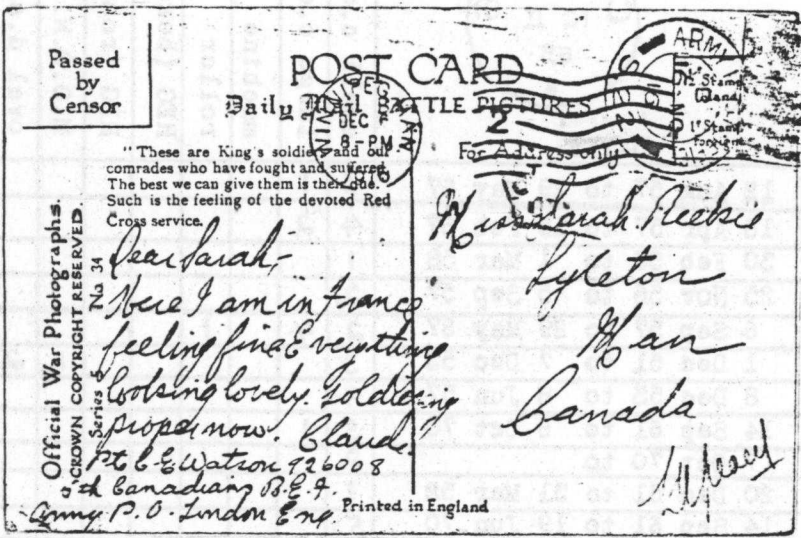
The reference used for this item is, "Historical Memorandum of the Canadian Postal Service with the Armies in France, Belgium and Germany 1914-1919", Part 6. See BNA TOPICS of January 1965.

Quoted briefly..The provision of postal facilities for Canadian drafts and reinforcements during the period between their despatch from the training camps and depots in England and their arrival with the battalion or other unit to which they were allotted presented a serious problem for the following reasons:-

- a the organization for reinforcing fighting formations changed periodically
- b not infrequently men were drawn at short notice to provide reinforcements for units other than those previously named

In the early part of the campaign mail was redirected from England for reinforcement but this proved impractical. Also, soldiers discharged from hospitals in France were collected together at the Base Depot at Havre hence 6 members of the Depot staff were kept fully occupied redirecting correspondence, etc.

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The number of men varied from 2500 to 4000 and arrangements were then made to accomodate 8000. They transacted their postal business at an Imperial Post Office 1 1/2 miles distant where they posted over 3000 letters daily and purchased 3000 fr. worth of postal orders.

It was accordingly decided to establish a Canadian Post Office in the Base Depot at Harflour, near Havre, with a staff of 1 Sergeant and 3 men and this was opened on 26 July 1916. The office functioned in the same way as Imperial Post Offices on the Lines of Communications: it was designated S.22 and cleared its

A card posted at the Base Depot C.P.O. at Harflour, 16 NO 1916. Card reduced in size.

mails through the Imperial Base Post Office at Havre.

Ten months later A.P.O. S.22 was moved to Etaples the site of the reorganized Canadian Base Depots. At this time the number of letters received daily was 9200 and despatched, 7700. Other postal services also were available. Unquote.

P.S. Can a member provide a photocopy of the A.P.O. S.84 handstamp as it was a Canadian Post Office in France?

291...Shorties

Bill Robinson reports a recently found AFAL Type 4D without "AFFIX 6d STAMP" in the box at upper right. See Wilf Whitehouse's checklist and make entry on 7th page. The checklist was offered in NL 26, item 157.

Thanks to Wilf Whitehouse for providing the photocopy reduction service for this Newsletter.

Recommended reading, "The Most Dangerous Moment" by Michael Tomlinson (1976). Operations in the Indian Ocean March, April and May 1942 and the attacks by the Japanese on Ceylon. Considerable detail on S/L Birchall and his Catalina crew of 413 Squadron following their sighting of the Japanese Fleet April 4, 1942.

Wonder if covers are known from Canadian servicemen during that year?

Copies of PRICES REALIZED are available from F.E. Eaton in Vancouver following the sale of Canadian Military Mail of January 26th. Sent free for stamped, self addressed envelope.

Joe Purcell reports a FORT CHURCHILL MAN. roller cancel with M.O.O.N. number 5252 designation. First such odd ball combination Joe has seen.

CALTAPEX '80 promises to be a great show. Exhibition, bourse, auction, etc.

292...CFPOS Dec 1951 - Dec 1975 - Survey Result

A small return but enough to show up the relative scarcity. See page 4. Our item 276 calls for returns on survey item 255. Please send returns on survey item 280 at the same time. We have a few of each on file already.

CHEERS...  
Sid, Colin, Ken

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POST OFFICE	LOCATION	DATES	small c.d.s.	large c.d.s.	machine	roller	REG (boxed)	REG (round)	M.O.O.N.	oval d.s.	other	GEN
* 32	Gaza Palestine	12 Aug 57 to 29 May 67	3	1								
* 33	Rafah Egypt	16 Apr 57 to 15 Feb 67	4	2								
34	Naples Italy	30 Feb 56 to 1 Mar 58	1									
35	Abu Suweir Egypt	25 Nov 56 to 5 Sep 57	2									
* 35	El Arish Egypt	6 Sep 57 to 29 May 67	2	4		1						
40	Hannover Germany	1 Dec 51 to 7 Dec 53	3						1		2	
40	Iserlohn Ger	8 Dec 53 to 8 Jun 57	4									
* 40	Hemer Ger	14 Sep 61 to 6 Oct 70	5	1								
40	Lahr Ger	7 Oct 70 to	2									
41	Vinnhorst Ger	20 Dec 51 to 31 Mar 52	1									
* 41	Hemer Ger	14 Sep 61 to 19 Jun 70	5									
41	Werl Ger	20 Jun 70 to 31 Jan 71	1									
42	Bothfeld Ger	20 Dec 51 to 31 Mar 52	1									
* 42	Soest Ger	16 Sep 61 to 14 Oct 70	6									
42	Baden-Soellingen Ger	15 Oct 70 to		1							1	
43	Hohne Ger	24 Dec 51 to 27 Nov 53										
43	Soest Ger	1 Sep 54 to 15 Jun 57	4									
* 43	Iserlohn Ger	14 Sep 61 to 8 Oct 70	6			1						
43	Lahr Ger	9 Oct 70 to	1									
* 44	Werl Ger	31 Jan 52 to 13 Oct 70	5	1		1	1				1	
44	Lahr Ger	14 Oct 70 to	2									
45	Hannover Ger	1 Apr 52 to 16 Oct 53	1			1						
* 45	Werl Ger	17 Oct 53 to 15 Feb 67	6				2		1	1		
46	Antwerp Belgium	15 Feb 57 to 28 Sep 57				1						
* 46	Werl Ger	29 Sep 57 to 2 Oct 70	2									
46	Lahr Ger	3 Oct 70 to	1	1								
101	North Luffenham England	1 Sep 53 to 22 Mar 55	3	1								
* 101	Soest Ger	30 Apr 64 to 15 Jun 71	6	2								
102	Langar Eng	8 Sep 53 to 31 Mar 64	6			1						
* 102	Soest Ger	1 Jun 64 to 31 Aug 70	4				1				1	
* 103	London Eng	1 Sep 53 to 15 Sep 67	5									
* 104	Paris France	20 Oct 52 to 15 Feb 67	5									
* 105	Grostenquin Fr	16 Oct 52 to 1 Feb 65	6									
105	Lahr Ger	27 Mar 67 to	6	1			1					
* 106	Zweibrucken Ger	20 Jan 53 to 15 Feb 67	6	1	3	2			1			
* 107	Baden-Soellingen Ger	28 Apr 53 to 15 Feb 67	6		2	2			1			
108	Furstenfeldbruck Ger	17 Jun 53 to 18 Jul 53										
* 108	Marville Fr	1 Nov 54 to 25 Aug 67	6	2	2							
108	Lahr Ger	16 Oct 67 to	6	4			1					
* 109	Metz Fr	11 Apr 53 to 15 Feb 67	6	3			1		2		3	
110	Trier Ger	1 Feb 57 to 30 Jun 58	2									
* 110	Ramstein Ger	1 Jul 58 to 30 Jun 69	3									
110	Zweibrucken Ger	1 Jul 69 to 28 Aug 69	1									
* 111	Decimomannu Italy	15 Jun 57 to 15 Feb 67	4	3		2	1		1		2	
111	Cairo Egypt	8 Jan 74 to 4 Jun 74	1									
111	Quneitra Golan Heights	5 Jun 74 to	2	1		1	1					(1)
112	Iserlohn Ger	3 Sep 68 to 4 Dec 70	5	1		2	1					PocdN
112	Rabah Israel	30 Jan 74 to 12 Jul 74	3									
112	Ismailia Egypt	13 Jul 74 to 9 Dec 75	1	1								
112	Tel Aviv Israel	10 Dec 75 to	1	2		1	1					
113	Cairo Egypt	13 Jun 74 to 16 Aug 74				1						
113	Ismailia Egypt	17 Aug 74 to	1	2		1	1					
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