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May 31, 1980

Dear Member:

Here we are at the Royal Philatelic Society's Annual Convention in Calgary. We trust you are enjoying this 3 day event.

The British North America Philatelic Society's Canadian Military Mail Study Group is pleased to have made a small contribution to the success of the Royal's show.

293... Distinctive letterhead on Provincial Bond stationery - WW1

Found recently in the original cover posted at Quebec, P.Q. Aug 22, 1915.



294... Survey returns - notice of progress

Our items 255 and 276 -- insufficient returns to warrant report
 " " 280 " 292 -- -likewise-

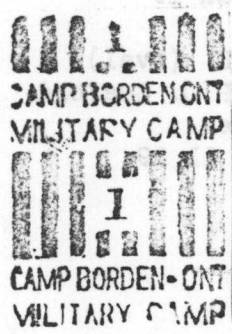
The initial listings of military post offices and their returns are almost finished. Please take another look at the items listed above and send your returns to be counted. Some members have already responded but we will not "GO" on this until there are at least 8 replies.

295... Roller cancels - military - further to NL 7 page 2

Away back in October 1974 we recorded the 5 military camp rollers listed in the late E.A. Smythies' handbook. We now illustrate the Camp Borden Ont Military Camp roller shown in the article by N.A. Pelletier in BNA TOPICS of September 1965.

We expect to learn more about these illusive cancels in the not too distant future but can pass along the following from 3 different sources. Examples are known from Petawawa Camp, Niagara and Aldershot. Niagara rollers are on Admiral stamps while Petawawa are on stamps of the late 1930s!

The original roller instrument for Camp Borden Ont is in the custody of Canada's Postal Museum and was shown at the BNAPS Convention in San Francisco in 1977.

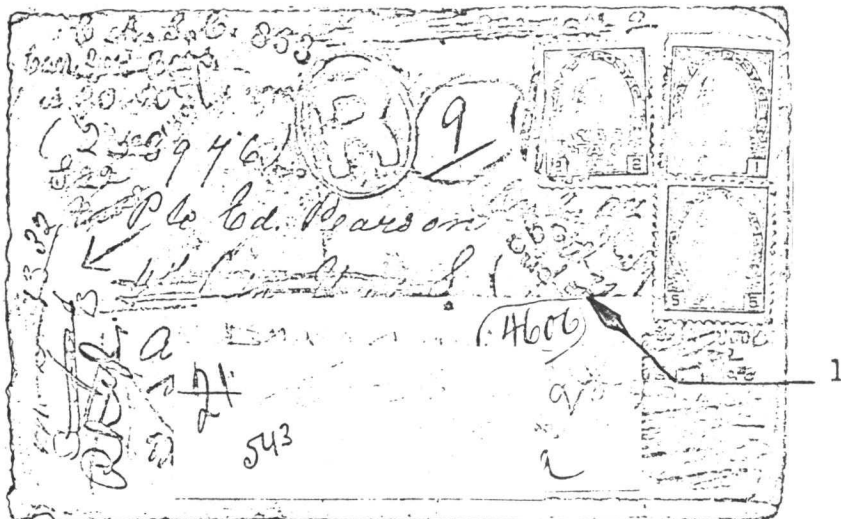


296... First World War - a unique cover

Most collectors will have seen heavily postmarked covers where sometimes a scarce cancellation can be found among them. In this case there are approximately 20 cancels with some duplication but 10 different can be identified. Three of these probably are in the rare class and they have been circled. It's quite possible that #8 is being seen for the first time?

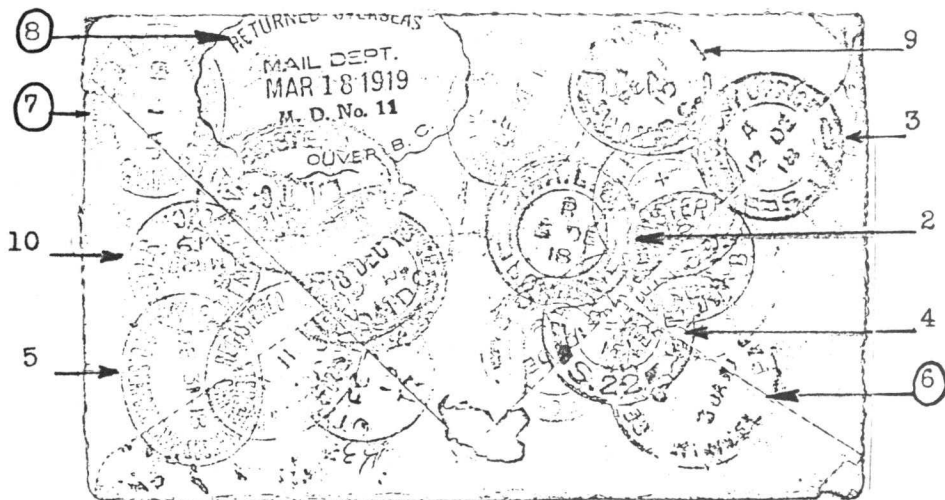
An historic note of interest recalls that whilst the cover was postmarked initially in November 1918 it was June 28, 1919 when the Germans and the Allies signed the Peace Treaty at Versailles.

We understand this cover is still in a dealer's stock but Dr. Plain was able to obtain photocopies for this Newsletter.



POSTMARK #

- # 1 Coghlan, B.C. dated Nov 1918 (broken circle)
- 2 D.A.L.O. LONDON Dec 1918 (double ring)
Dominion Army Letter Office at Regents Park. A section of the Home Depot where mail was finally sorted before shipment to France.

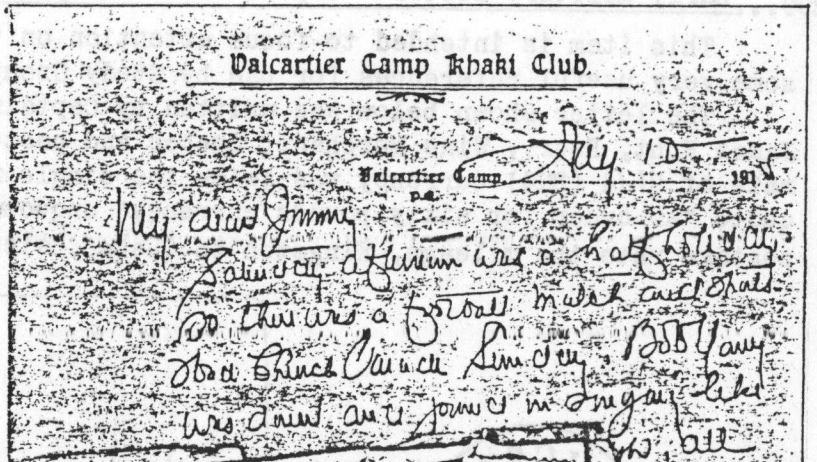


- 3 A.P.O. S 17 12 Dec 18 (double ring)
Etaples (reinforcements)
- 4 A.P.O. S 22 1918 (double ring)
Etaples (Canadians)
- 5 REGISTERED (oval)
Canadian P.O. Seaford Camp Sussex dated DE 31 18
- 6 REGISTERED (skeleton)
C.P.C. (Can Postal Corps) Kinmel Park dated 3 Jan 19
- 7 REGISTERED (oval)
Canadian P.O. Seaford Camp Sussex dated Jan 11 19

#8 RETURNED OVERSEAS (M.D.11 comprised British Columbia and Yukon Territories)
MAIL DEPT.
MAR 18 1919
M.D. No 11 (oval - wavy rim)
Vancouver B.C.

9 Vancouver B.C. (c.d.s.) #10 New Westminster B.C. (c.d.s.)
dated Feb 1919 Mar 27 19

297... Valcartier Camp, P.Q. - First World War cover



Adding one of these covers to a military mail collection needs a bit of good luck but if the cover contains the original stationery to add to its interest you've got to be born under a lucky star as Brian Plain likely would agree.

The paper from which the cover and enclosure is made is dark in colour hence the cloudy photocopy.

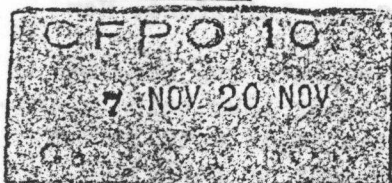
When it comes to scarcity the number of strikes known on cover likely would not equal the number of the classic Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force circular cancels presently in the hands of collectors.

Valcartier Camp was located 18 miles from Quebec City on the Canadian Northern Railway and was an important mobilization camp.

Four hammers are known and for three of these proofing dates can be cited. At this time a proofing date for the hammer shown at upper left is not known, this hammer having been used on the subject cover and dated AU 11 15. This hammer differs from the other three in one important respect, the slight indentation of the "C" of CANADA.

Members having a Valcartier strike in their collection may wish to send a photocopy to their scribe for possible identification as to hammer designating number.

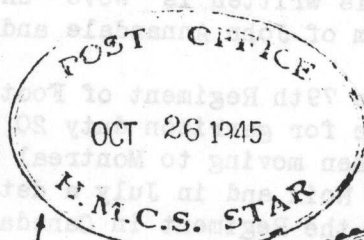
298... Mixed bag



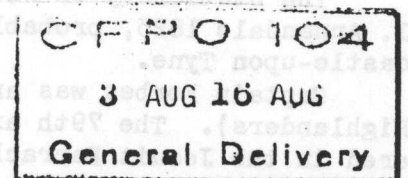
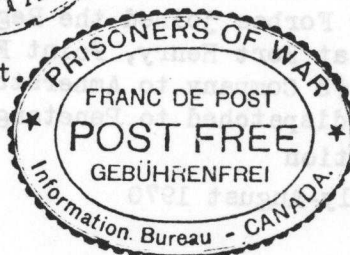
102 Langar, Eng. 1962



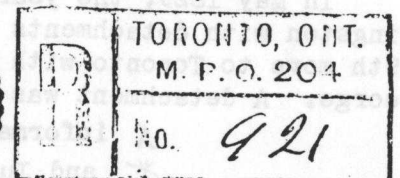
1963



Hamilton, Ont.

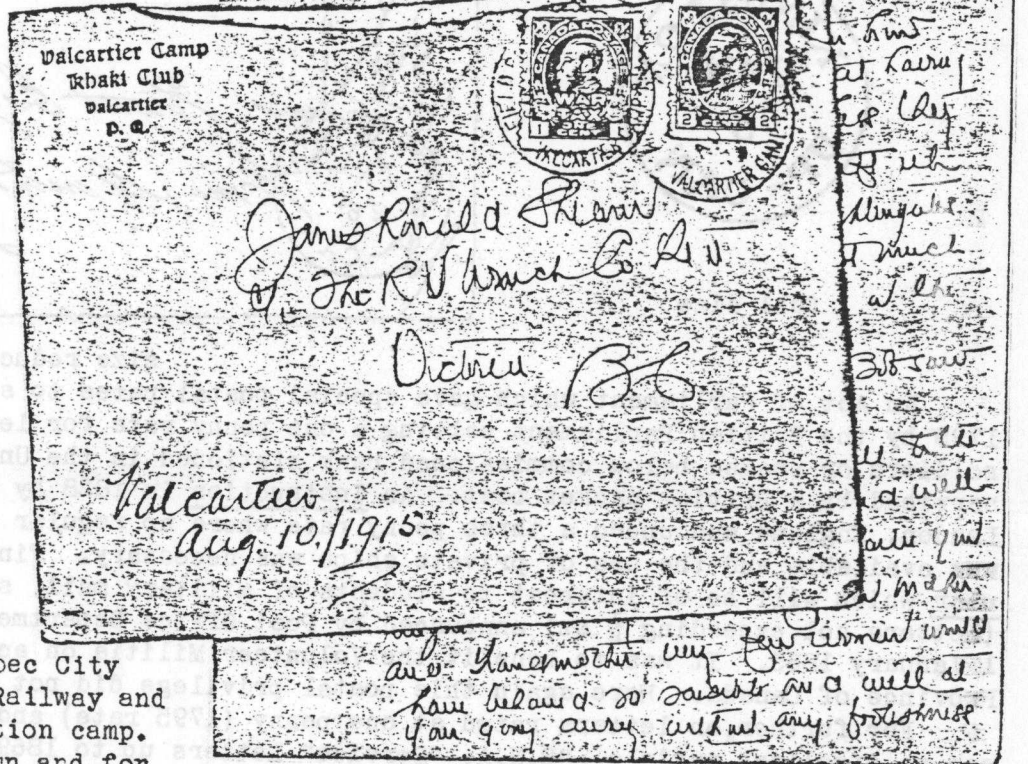


1964 Paris, Fr.



R. C. A. F.

#1 Manning Depot, 1942



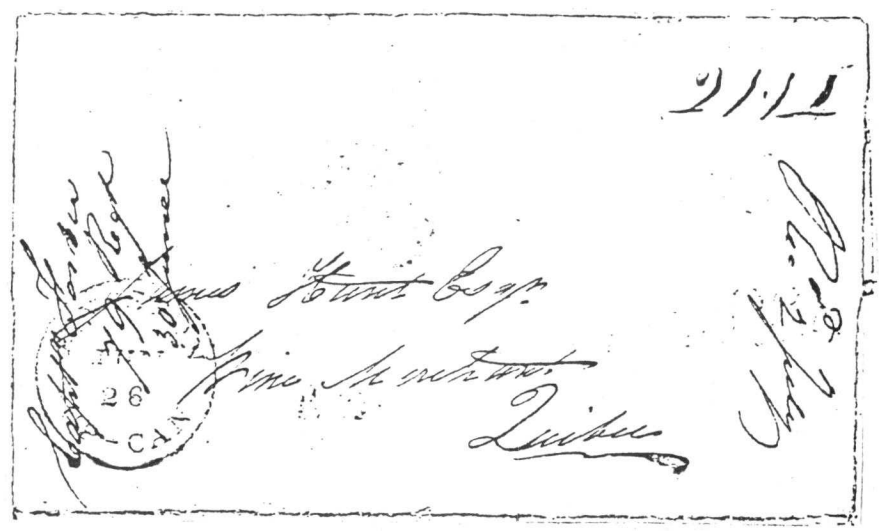
299... Early military letter - Captain Forbes - postal rates - the 79th

This item is intended to focus attention on the subject folded letter and provide some very useful references for use by Study Group members.

The letter shown below was written by Captain Alexander Forbes (1793-1851) to James Hunt, Esqr., Wine Merchant, Quebec and posted June 26, 1830. The internal postal rate of 2/4 (2N4) currency was twice the single rate as an enclosure in the form of, quote "an order for sixty pounds currency" unquote, was enclosed. In determining the postage rate the mileage, Kingston to Quebec, also was a factor.



full size



size reduced

An Act of Parliament which gave special postal rates to servicemen was passed in 1795 by the British Parliament setting a one penny rate for letters to or from British soldiers or seamen below commissioned rank stationed in the United Kingdom or any Colony serviced by a British packet boat. An Instruction in 1828 by the General Post Office, London, England announced a three penny rate where no regular communication by packet was available and the use of private ships was necessary. Finally, a Post Office circ-ular which will be of interest to students of military mail, shows the two cent rate (letters not exceeding 1/2 oz) announced by Post Office Department Circular #60 at Quebec, 1 January 1865. It was to benefit the Volunteer Militia on active service within the Province of Canada. Here again this postal privilege did not extend to Officers.

For further on letters rated at one penny (1795 rate) and two cents (post 1860) see an excellent article, "B.N.A. "Service" Letters up to 1869" by A.G. Fairbanks in the Canadian Philatelist for November-December 1967.

See also Lowe's Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Vol. 5, page 317.

And finally see; "Evolution of Concessional Postal Rates for the Canadian Armed Forces" by the late Lt. Col. R.H. Webb in the Canadian Philatelist for May-June 1970.*

The postmark shown above merely illustrates the type used on the 1830 letter. Applied in red it is listed in Konwiser and Campbell's Stampless Cover catalogue (1946) on pages 19 and 32 being used in the 1830-42 period.

The stationery on which the letter is written is "wove" and the watermark is clearly J. Annandale 1825, probably from the firm of John Annandale and Sons, Luitford, New-castle-upon Tyne.

Captain Forbes was an Officer in the 79th Regiment of Foot (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders). The 79th arrived in Quebec for garrison duty 20 October 1825 being quartered in the Jesuit Barracks until 1828 then moving to Montreal with small detachments at St. Johns, Coteau du Lac and Isle aux Noix and in July a detachment to Banbridge.

In May 1829, the year Forbes joined the Regiment in Canada, the 79th moved to Kingston with detachments at Fort Henry, Point Frederick and Prescott. 1831 saw the 79th move to Toronto with #3 Company to Amherstburg and #4, under Forbes, to Fort George. A detachment was dispatched to Penetanguishene.

^ information
* and July-August 1970

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During May 1833 the Highlanders returned to Quebec with detachments to Sorel (P.O. was William-Henry) and Grosse Isle.

In September 1836 the Regiment embarked on the Maitland for Glasgow arriving on October 11.

References concerning Captain Forbes and the 79th are as follows:

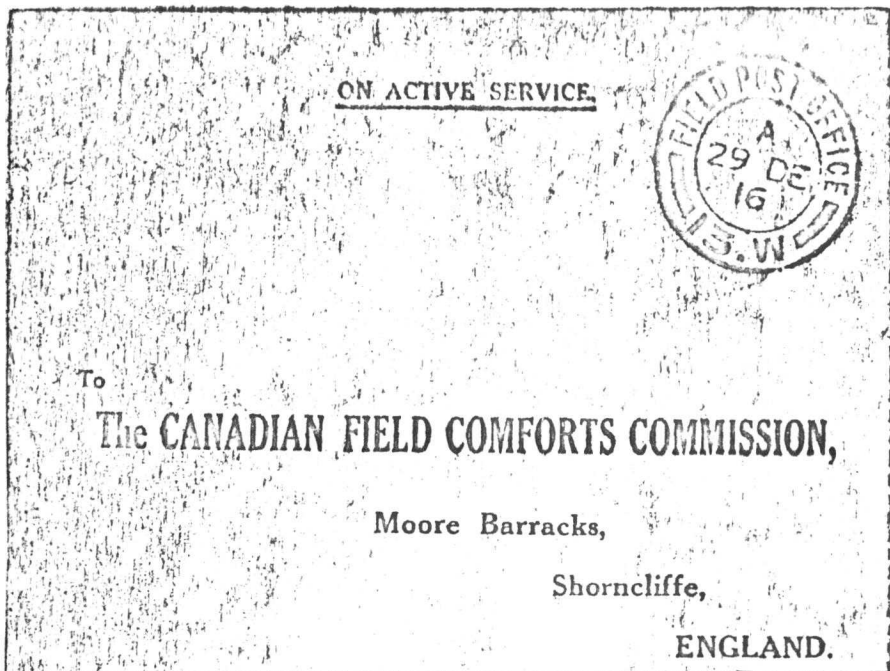
- 1 letter - Major (ret) H. Barker, M.B.E. (1976)
Assistant Regimental Secretary, Regimental H.Q.
Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons)
Cameron Barracks,
Inverness, Scotland
- 2 The Service of British Regiments in Canada and North America
Charles H. Stewart (compiler)
DND Library Pub #1
Department of National Defence Library, Ottawa (1962)

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301...A previously unreported British type datestamp



Our item 186 followed by 195 and 197 are among the most fascinating and challenging group of cancels to study.

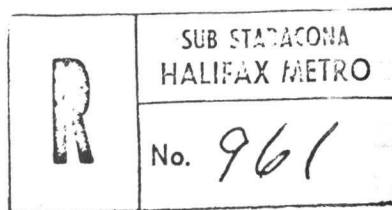
Bill Robinson sends a photocopy of a recent find which may be looked up in item 197. 13W had not been reported when the Kennedy/Crabb study of British type datestamps was published.

Bill notes that the return address on the message side of the card is "Scout Section, 47 Bn. C.E.F."

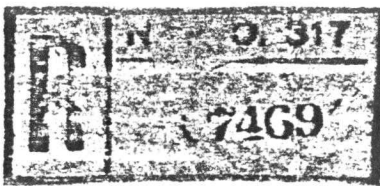
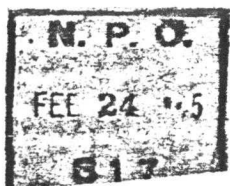
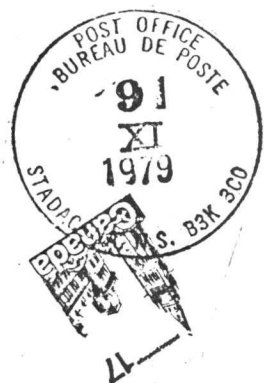
The date 29 Dec 16 ties it to the 4th Canadian Division, 10th Canadian Brigade.

A very neat item.

298...continued



R.C.A.F. Station Borden, Ont.



H.M.C.S. Bytown - Ottawa

All for now...

Colin, Sid + Ken.