

August 5, 1980

Dear Member:

The Calgary show has come and gone and it was a really good one. A successful seminar was held and 12 Study Group members were among those attending. Bill Robinson was principal speaker followed by a "show and tell" session involving each member.

Bill's four frame exhibit, Canadian Military Mail to the 1918 Armistice, was awarded a small gold medal. A fine display.

302...New recruit

We welcome W.S. (Bill) Richards, 272 Gladmer Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7J 2X3 to the Group.

303...New book - Royal Flying Corps - Borden to Texas to Beamsville

These World War One military camps were closely linked by military mail as Borden and Beamsville each had Field Post Offices and covers from them are known to collectors. Our item 80 (page 7) lists the pertinent Canada Militia type cancels.

The book is not postal history oriented but should be a good reference for writing-up purposes as it tells the story of the RFC in Canada and the reciprocal training programme they had with the U.S. Army Signal Corps wherin the RFC trained 300 U.S. pilots as part of the bargain for the use of 3 airfields in Texas during the winter of 1917. Over 100 photographs - hardbound - 128 pages. Available from the Boston Mills Press, RR1, Cheltenham, Ontario, LOP 1C0 for \$15.95 (plus \$1.00 handling and mailing) or \$12.50 (Can.) total through your scribe made possible because of the placing of this advertisement in our Newsletter. Postage to England would be more expensive.

Send your cheque made out to Boston Mills to Colin who can get the lower rate for one to four copies. This is simply a service to Group members.

304...Photo corners - self-adhesive

When mounting covers we have found the transparent, self-adhesive type superior and recommend them to members.

A package of 500 cost about \$4.25. The brand name we get from a local photographic supplier is ROWI International and they are made in Germany.

305...Battle of Britain - July 10-October 31, 1940 - a reference



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

CANADIAN LEGION WAR SERVICES



"One of the most crucial battles of our time" is a quote from ACM Sir Thomas Pike's foreword in the book, The Narrow Margin by Derek Wood and Derek Dempster.

Recommended as an objective analysis and reference.

The accompanying clippings are from the front and back of a cover used during the Battle from FPO 465 located at

CMHQ, London while the OR oval stamp ties in 110 Squadron which arrived in England late in February 1940 and was placed "in combination" with 22 Group, RAF for training in an Army co-operation role.

About the end of the year 110 was renumbered to 400 Squadron.

306...MPO NO 304 - RCAF H.Q. - Ottawa



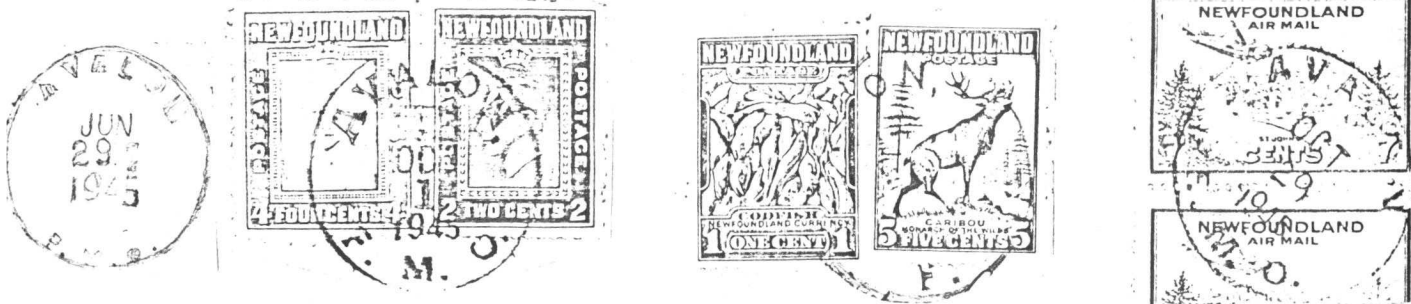
This postmark is not too common and is unique in the abbreviation for number as part of the inscription. The example found at the show in Calgary was used as a backstamp on a cover from New Zealand.

The machine cancel from this MPO also is one of a kind being our type 3G without ornaments.

See NL 27 page 5 for an illustration.

307...More on Avalon F.M.O. cancels

John Frith has revived this topic and we're glad he did. Our items 55, 57 and 66 opened the subject in which we recorded two basic types, the numbered FMO and the un-numbered FMO. So far only the one numbered type, No 2, has made its appearance but the unnumbered cancel appears to exist in at least four varieties as follows:



27mm Gothic lettering 2 1/2mm high

30mm serifed lettering 3 1/2mm high

30mm serifed lettering 3 1/2mm high

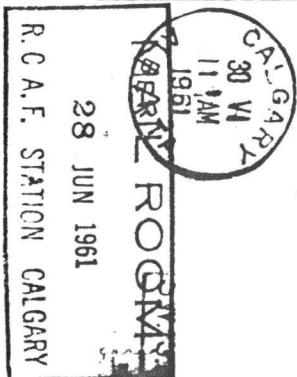
31mm Gothic lettering 3mm high

The blue coloured cancels do not photocopy at all well.

See also the fine cover illustrated in NL 16 page 7 which clearly shows the 27mm Gothic lettered cancel. As these stamps likely were made of rubber the given dimensions are approximate only. Note in all cases the "stacked" date.

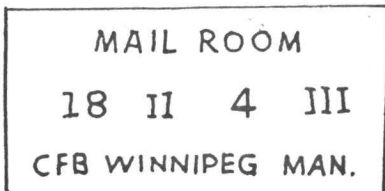
Members may wish to recheck their Avalon covers to confirm the above notes and expand on them as warranted.

308...Recent finds - help needed



Bill Robinson reports this Mail Room marking which tied the stamp before receiving the Calgary cancel two days later.

The CFB Winnipeg mark was used in 1974 on a card from the Bahamas and exhibits the conventional "holding" period associated with these oblong marks.



F.P.O. 1212 is quite scarce and was one of two found in Calgary. Both were dated prior to the end of 1944! Will someone please send brief details of Eskimo Force which 1212 served as we have nothing in our files.

309...CAPO/CFPOS - Nov 1951-Mar 1976 - SURVEY RESULT - further to item 280

5000	Kure Japan	7 May 51 to 12 Sep 55	5						3
"	CFHQ Ottawa	16 May 60 to 15 Nov 63		2					
* "	Lahore Pakistan	3 Oct 65 to 25 Mar 66	2						
"	Lahr Germany	27 Mar 67 to	5	3	2	2	2		1
5001	Tokyo Jap	17 Jan 51 to 15 Sep 55	1						
"	Nicosia Cyprus	21 Mar 64 to 31 Dec 64	4	1					
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to	5	4		2	3		
5002	Korea	18 Nov 50 to 26 May 51							
* "	Cairo Egypt	13 Nov 73 to 23 Jul 74	4	1					
"	Ismailia Egypt	24 Jul 74 to	4	2		1	1		1
5003	Kure Jap	7 May 51 to 6 Feb 55	2						
"	Hiro "	7 Feb 55 to 20 Jun 55							
* "	Kingston Jamaica	1 Mar 69 to 24 Mar 69							
"	" "	25 Feb 70 to 2 Apr 70							
"	" "	22 Feb 71 to 5 Apr 71							
"	" "	13 Mar 72 to 25 Apr 72	1						
5005	Saigon Vietnam	29 Jan 73 to 31 Jul 73	4	5		3			1
5045	Brunssum Holland	7 Mar 67 to	6	1		1	2		
5046	Congo	16 Sep 60 to 30 Jun 64	4						
* "	Bardufoss Norway	8 Jan 71 to 19 Feb 71	2						
"	" "	11 Sep 72 to 2 Oct 72	1						
5047	Decimomannu Italy	15 Jun 57 to 31 Dec 64	1	3					1
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 24 Jul 70	4	1					
5048	Naples Italy	30 Nov 56 to 1 Mar 58							
* "	Castcau Belgium	29 Mar 67 to	6	2		1	2		
5049	Abu Suweir Egypt	25 Nov 56 to 29 Apr 57							
"	Rafah "	30 Apr 57 to 31 Dec 64							
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 29 May 67							
5050	Hannover Germany	2 Dec 51 to 16 Dec 51							
"	Herford "	17 Dec 51 to 26 Jul 55							
"	Worl "	29 Jul 55 to 31 Dec 64	4						
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 8 Oct 70	5			1			1
"	Soest "	8 Oct 70 to 22 Jul 71	1					1	1
5051	London England	1 Sep 53 to 31 Dec 64	5						1
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to	5	3		2			
5052	Grostenquin France	22 Oct 52 to 13 Sep 53							
"	Metz "	14 Sep 53 to 31 Dec 64	4	2				2	3
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 31 Aug 67	3	3					
5053	Paris "	1 Jun 53 to 31 Dec 64	5						
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 7 Jul 67	2						
5054	Antwerp Belgium	15 Feb 57 to 8 Oct 57							
"	London England	9 Oct 57 to 10 Nov 63							
* "	FMO Halifax N.S.	8 Jan 73 to 14 Nov 73	1	1					
5055	Zweibrucken Germany	15 Feb 56 to 31 Dec 64	3	1					
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 30 Jun 69	4	1					
"	Ramstein "	1 Jul 69 to	4	1			2		
5056	Baden-Soellingen Ger	15 Feb 56 to 31 Dec 64	1						
* "	" " " "	1 Jul 65 to	6	3	3	2	3		1 1
5057	Trier Ger	2 May 57 to 1 Jul 58							
"	Marville Fr	1 Jan 62 to 31 Dec 64	1	1					
* "	" "	1 Jan 65 to 24 Aug 67	1						
5058	Langar Eng	3 Jul 58 to 29 Feb 64	2						
* "	Trenton Ont	Apr 66 to	2	1			1		
5071	FMO Halifax	12 Oct 71 to 31 Mar 74	1						
"	" "	13 Jan 76 to 22 Mar 76		2					
5075	" Victoria B.C.	28 Aug 72 to 17 Dec 72							
"	" "	2 Mar 75 to 30 Apr 75	2	1		1			

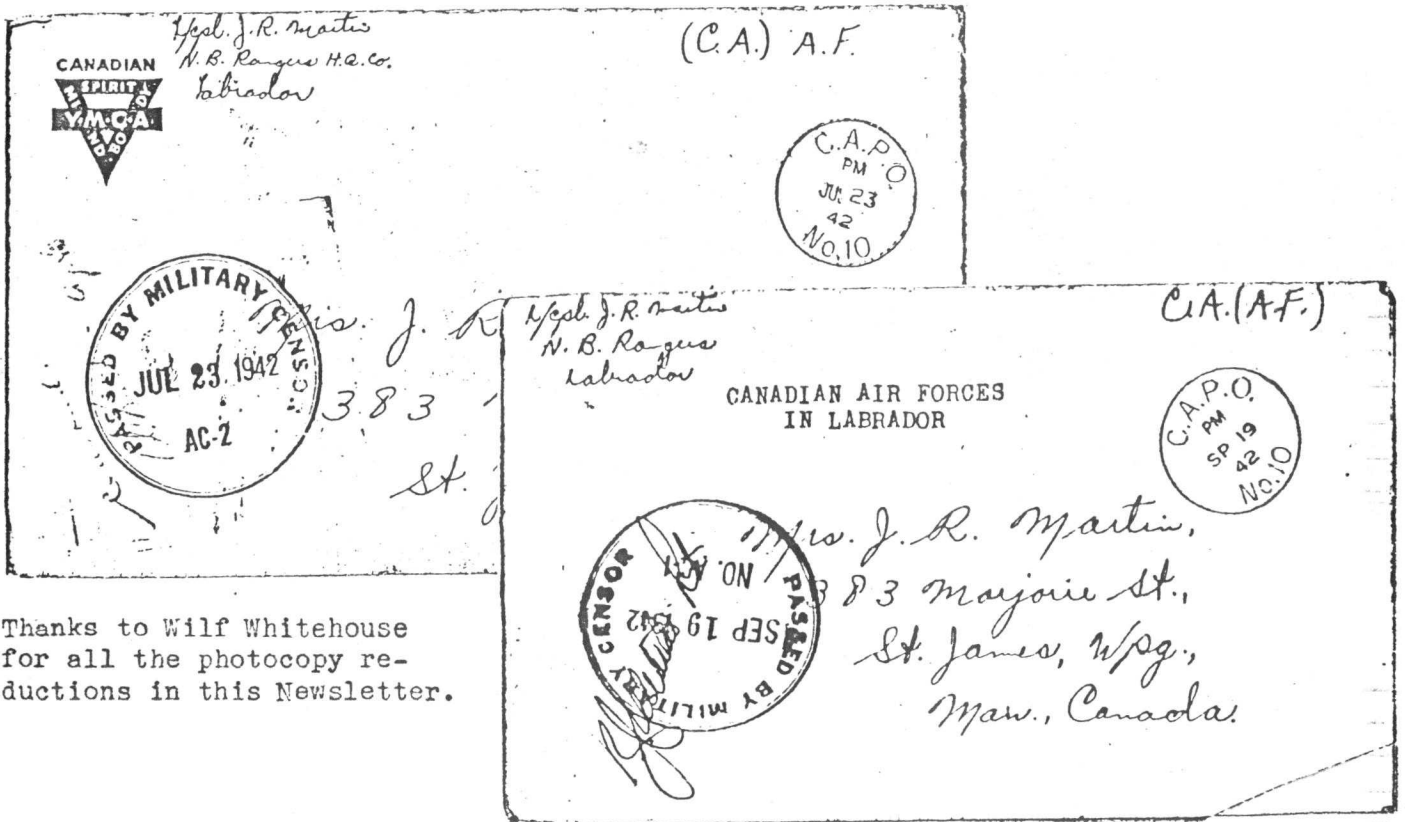
310...Passed by Censor - the No.AC.1 and the AC-2 markings

Just recently Ken Barlow showed us a cover with the No.AC.1 censor marking and then Ken Ellison provided a photocopy of its companion.

CAPO 10 opened about July 13, 1942 to serve the personnel at Goose Bay, the newly constructed trans-Atlantic airport. The New Brunswick Rangers were there on garrison duty.

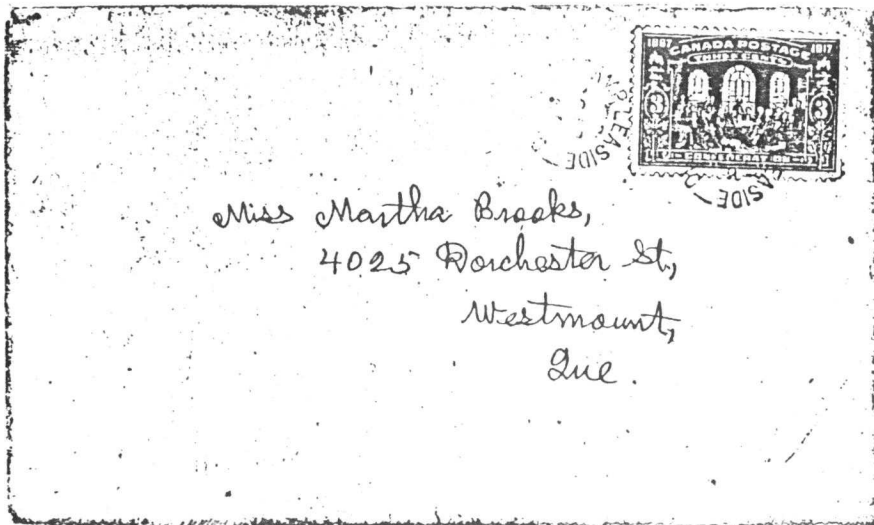
Both censor marks were in use concurrently about 18 months with AC-2 being nearly 5 times scarcer according to one sampling.

As CAPO 10, this office closed April 1, 1946.



Thanks to Wilf Whitehouse for all the photocopy reductions in this Newsletter.

311...Camp Leaside Ontario - further to item 278



While in Calgary we were shown this cover illustrated in reduced form. Belonging to a dealer from Eastern Canada it is dated October 12, 1917 and surely rates in the rare class.

Construction of Leaside was started in May 1917. Here, under the 43rd Wing RFC, the cadets passed through the Artillery Co-Operation School as part of their air training in Canada.

312...Last call

See our items 255 and 276 concerning the F.P.O. S.C. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. type of cancels. Hopefully these can be presented in the next Newsletter giving us an idea of their relative scarcity. If you have a few and have not sent in your return will you please do so before the end of September.

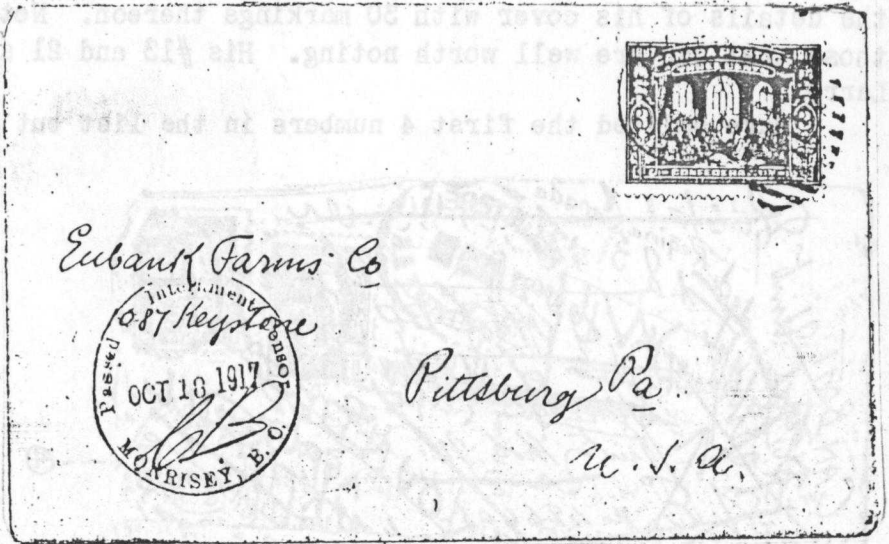
313...Censor marking - World War One period

Belonging to a dealer from Eastern Canada this cover is being reported in a philatelic publication for the first time.

One reference lists Morrissey together with Fernie, B.C. as consisting of rented premises to house the internees with camp opening and closing dates of June 9, 1915 and October 21, 1918 respectively.

For another reference concerning Fernie, B.C. only see NL#20, page 4.

Notice the spelling of Morrissey in the photocopy. We believe the double "s" to be correct.



314...General Order - British Army - Free letter postage privilege

This order is taken from General Regulations and Orders for the Army - Adjutant General's Office - Horse Guards - 12 August 1811 to which are added such Regulations as have been issued to the 1st January 1816.

Unquote: Seems a few of the lads weren't playing the game!

General Order.

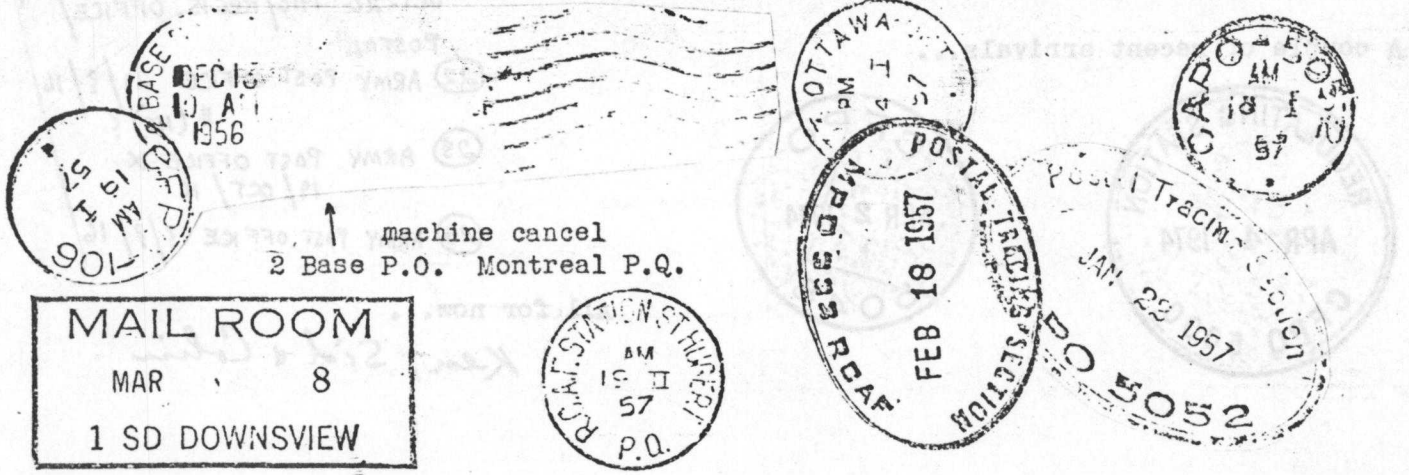
*Horse-Guards,  
14th June, 1814.*

It has been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that the Public Revenue has, in various instances, been defrauded by Soldiers having obtained the Signature of Officers, for the purpose of exempting from the Charge of Postage, Letters which were in fact written by other Persons, and on subjects with which the Soldiers were themselves wholly unconnected. In order to guard against similar impositions on this Indulgence granted by Government, His Royal Highness commands, that

it shall be announced in the Orderly Book of every Regiment, that any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall hereafter present to his Officer a *Letter to be rendered free of Postage*, which is not *bona fide* his own, will be guilty of a Fraud, and a breach of Discipline, for which, it is His Royal Highness's express Command, that every Offender shall be tried, and no alleviation of whatever punishment may be awarded, must, after these repeated warnings, be expected.

By Command of His Royal Highness  
The Commander-in-Chief,  
**HARRY CALVERT,**  
Adjutant-General.

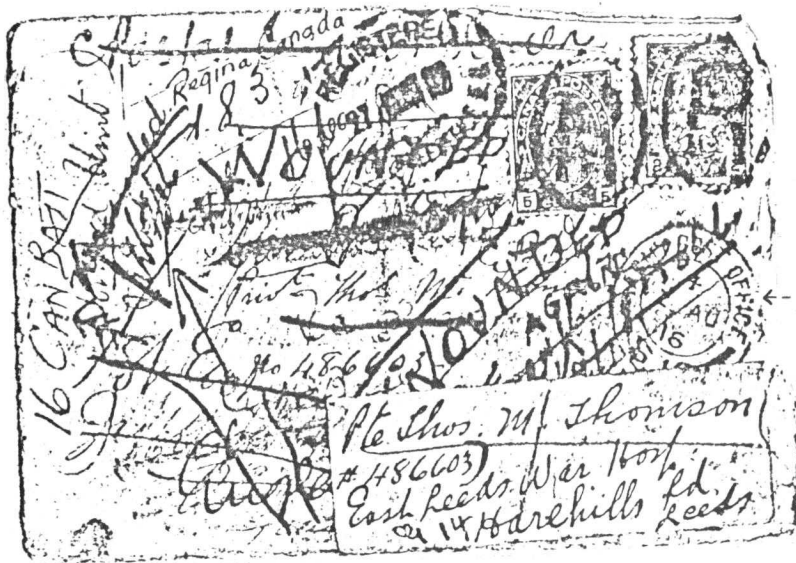
315...A useful collection - back of one cover reported by Ron Kitchen



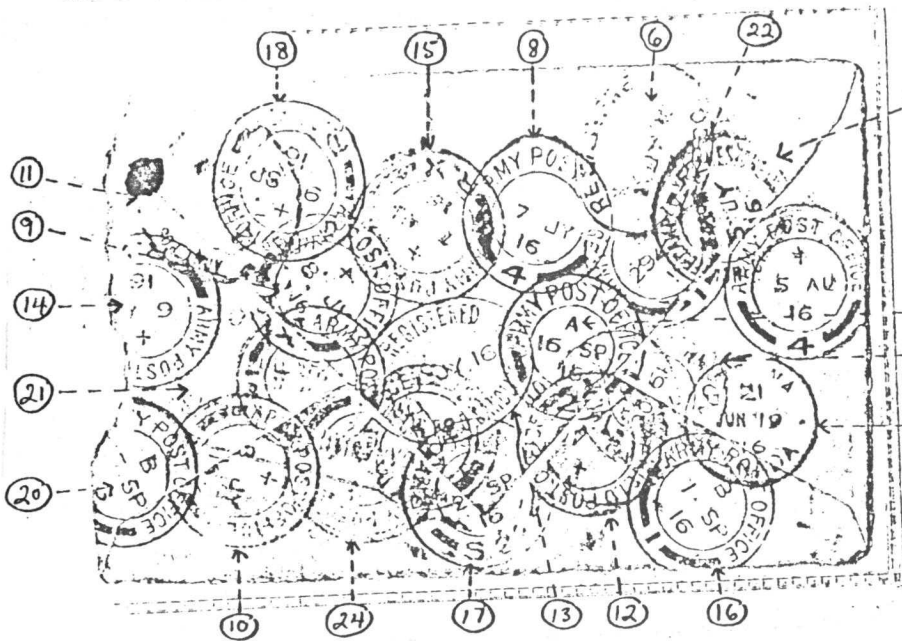
316...World War One cover - Can you top this?

Our member Larry Mathews went into action after reading item 296 and sent along the details of his cover with 30 markings thereon. Not all can be identified but those that can are well worth noting. His #13 and 21 should be highlighted. Thanks Larry.

Have omitted the first 4 numbers in the list but #4 is S12 dated 2 AU 16.



- ⑤ CIVILIAN POST OFFICE CANCEL - OTTAWA 21 JUNE 19, 1916
- ⑥ REG. CIVILIAN OVAL CANCEL 1/JULY/16 LIVERPOOL
- ⑦ ?? --- FFE CAMP, FOLKESTONE ? : 45 P.M. 5/JULY/16
- ⑧ ARMY POST OFFICE 7/JULY/16 #4
- ⑨ FIELD POST OFFICE 8/JULY/16 # (S) X
- ⑩ ARMY POST OFFICE 8/JULY/16
- ⑪ ARMY POST (VIOLET SINGLE RING) 12/JULY/16 #2
- ⑫ FIELD POST OFFICE 16/JULY/16
- ⑬ REG. OVAL CANCEL ?/JULY/16 "CANADIAN F.P.O. SANDLING CAMP"
- ⑭ ARMY POST OFFICE 6/AUG./16 # R (?)
- ⑮ ARMY POST OFFICE 7/AUG./16 # RX
- ⑯ ARMY POST OFFICE B 1/SEPT./16 #1
- ⑰ ARMY POST OFFICE B 2/SEPT./16 # S22
- ⑱ ARMY POST OFFICE 9/SEPT./16 # RX 4
- ⑲ ARMY POST OFFICE A 16/SEPT/16 # S 22
- ⑳ ARMY POST OFFICE B (17) ?/SEPT/16
- ㉑ LARGE VIOLET RECTANGULAR CANCEL "CANADIAN CONTINGENTS/ OCT. 26 1916/REGIS. OFFICE/ POSTAL
- ㉒ ARMY POST OFFICE 29/?/16 # (15) ?
- ㉓ ARMY POST OFFICE X 19/OCT/16
- ㉔ ARMY POST OFFICE ?/?/16



A couple of recent arrivals...



All for now...

Ken, Sid & Colin