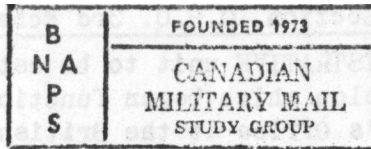


Merry Christmas



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December 12, 1980

Dear Member:

A seminar was held in McAllen during BNAPEX '80. We understand five Study Group members attended along with six visitors. A 1½ hour session ensued.

327...Canadian Military Postal History - further to NL 33 item 239 - cont'd.

BNAPS TOPICS 1979

- May - June p39 World War 1 P.O.W. Camp Handstamps by Allan Steinhart.  
Excellent article right down this Study Group's alley. Ed.
- Sep - Oct p27 Canadian YMCA in Anglo Boer War by Kenneth Rowe.  
Additional listings by Thurlow Fraser.

328...Postage Stamps - Canadian Military Aircraft

We cannot resist a note on this fine set of four stamps which were first issued November 10, 1980. The aircraft featured were built in Canada and the JN-4 carried Canada's first airmail on a flight from Montreal to Toronto. Readers are reminded to pick up a set which were printed by the lithography process in five colours.

329...#1 N.E.T.D. - further to item 326

We had three reports on this question. Thurlow Fraser recalls the abbreviation as referring to #1 Non Effective Transit Depot. Joe Purcell followed with #1 Non Effective Transfer Depot and added there was only the one. Dave Crane recalled the meaning as #1 Non Effective Transit Depot. So there it is and each agreed it was a holding depot for service people unfit for service mainly for medical reasons.

Rich Toop and Bill Richards sent photocopies (and another is in this heap of paper somewhere on our desk) on which this abbreviation was printed by hand so we have lots of evidence. Thanks to all who contributed. Ron Kitchen's cover which brought up the question bears a handstamp as shown in Newsletter 40.

330...R.C.A.F. Station Ucluelet, B.C.

This World War Two station was to have been served it seems by M.P.O. 1123 but for some reason the M.P.O. was cancelled. A time/date stamp however is known and an example dated Feb 17 1943 is shown here. This date probably was very close to the station's opening. Should others have different markings from Ucluelet a photocopy would be appreciated for use in a future Newsletter.



331...New to the local library - CANADIANS IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE by Les Allison

Les hailed from Roland Manitoba. His book of 215 pages was published in 1978 and is generously illustrated. A story of over 2000 Canadians who joined the R.A.F. before WW2 as British subjects. The Canadian Citizenship Act was passed in 1946. A collection of stories, statistics and information written for, quote "histories sake".

332...Postal Branch, Canadian Section, G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

The first Canadian ADMINISTRATIVE unit to be established in France was the Canadian Section, G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon which began functioning in March 1915 as a section of the Deputy Adjutant General's Office at the British base at Rouen.

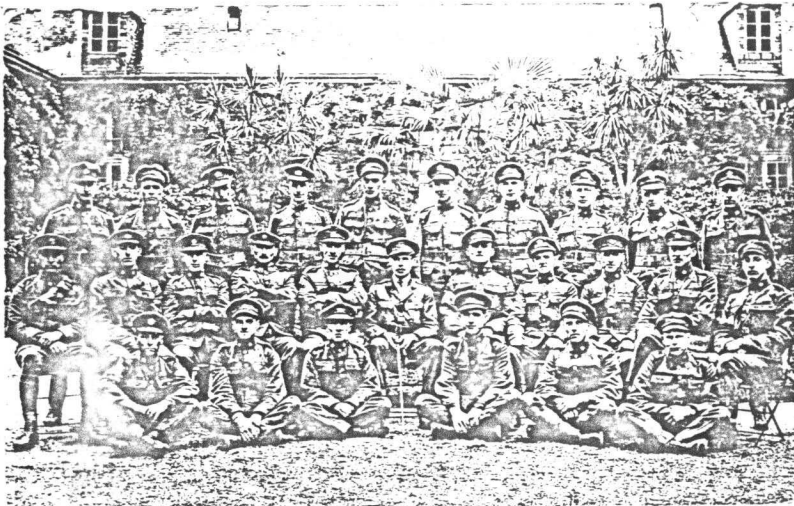
It was responsible for the preparation in the field of Part II Orders embracing all Officers and men serving in France and for the reception of official war diaries and other historical documents. Included in these orders were records of personnel, casualties, appointments, postings, promotions, awards and matters of discipline.

This section provided an essential link between units in the field and the Pay and Records Office in London.

It was also decided to attach a member (and staff) of the Canadian Postal Contingent to the office of the D.A.A.G. (Canadian Section) at 3rd Echelon. The official address would be as shown in the above heading. The D.A.A.G. at this time is believed to be Lt. Col. G.T. Hamilton.

The staff of the Postal Branch consisted of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals and 23 men although the strength varied considerably. Their task was to handle all undeliverable mail and maintain records daily of men admitted to hospital. Undeliverable mail included mail endorsed Killed, Wounded, Missing, Hospital, Location Unknown, etc. They began their duties about May 15, 1915.

As an example of the quantity of mail handled the 1917 record is as follows: 1,783,195 letters, 386,206 parcels and 29,098 Registers.



POSTAL SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. JULY 1918



applied at 3rd Echelon

actual strike



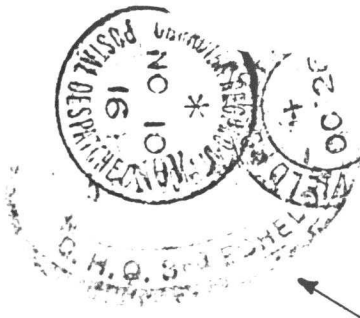
proof strike of type applied in London

We are illustrating for the first time in our Newsletter the type of postmark used at the Postal Branch, 3rd Echelon and request readers to advise dates of examples from their collections. Indicia noted thus far are + and B.

It appears that mail passing through 3rd Echelon may or may not bear the cancel shown above. Frequently the re-addressing action will appear in red so watch for this. Look also for a Canadian Record Office (London) handstamp which might have been added on dispatch from that office. See illustration above.

Finally, the oval marking shown at left was found as a backstrike on a cover but part of the inscription is missing. It probably should read CANADIAN SECTION but the help of our readers is sought in verifying this. Please advise the editor.

This item is a joint project of Bill Robinson and Colin Campbell.



in the centre of the oval is RECEIVED  
3 - NOV 1916

333... British datestamps - CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE usage - SURVEY

Further to item 321.

As promised members will find the one page returnable survey sheet attached to their copy of Newsletter 41.

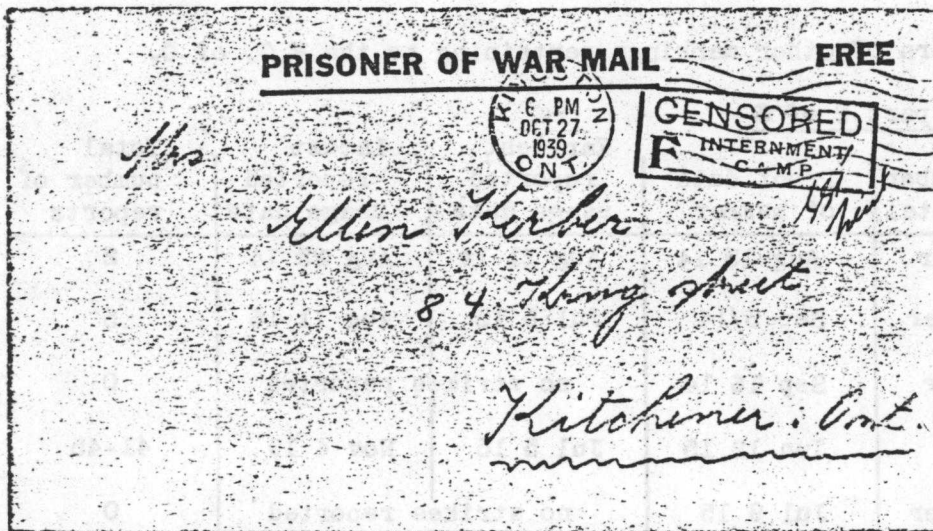
Please circle the FPO or APO numbers of those cancellations represented in your collection and mail the survey page to Colin Campbell before January 16, 1981. A survey return will accompany Newsletter 42 showing how close we can come to a complete collection, collectively, as a study group. It should prove interesting.

Don't report cancellations outside the dates shown in the left hand columns. They probably wouldn't be Canadian offices.

Would appreciate "NIL" returns in addition to positive returns.



334... Censored cover - Internment Camp F



Surely a scarce item reported by Rich Toop. Notice the early date. The record shows that on September 5, 1939 it was announced that Fort Henry would be used for internment enemy aliens and 2 days later the first of these arrived. There were 60 in all from Montreal. On December 9, 1939 this facility was closed as the last of the internees left for Petawawa.

It was June 12, 1940 when it was announced that Fort Henry would again be used as an internment camp

and on June 29 an undisclosed number of German Officers and other ranks arrived in a 20 coach prison train.

This camp was assigned the number 31.

On November 20, 1941 German prisoners of war were removed from Fort Henry to Camp 23 (Monteith) and Camp 30 (Bowmanville). Civilian internees and enemy merchant seamen were transferred from Monteith to Fort Henry.

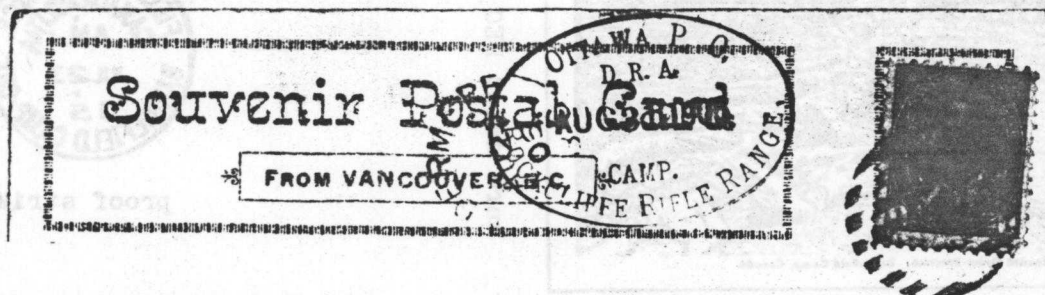
During 1942 the number of internees at Fort Henry was maintained at approximately 400 persons.

The Fort Henry Internment Camp closed November 16, 1943 as inmates were transferred to Camp 22 (Mimico) and Camp 23 (Monteith).

Our thanks to John H. Grenville, Historical Research Officer, Old Fort Henry for the above chronology.

Readers are referred back to NL 33 item 241 for other information on P.O.W. Camps.

335... Interesting first sightings



335...continued..



Bill Robinson has found 2 very different markings struck about 37 years apart. The oval P.O. is quite clear however it might be helpful to record the inscription. It reads:

OTTAWA P.O. DRA (Dominion Rifle Association) CAMP  
AUG 30 1906  
ROCKCLIFFE RIFLE RANGE

Notice the barred circle killer. Readers may refer to NL21 page 5 for a similar P.O. marking from Connaught. One more piece of the jig saw has been fitted into place.

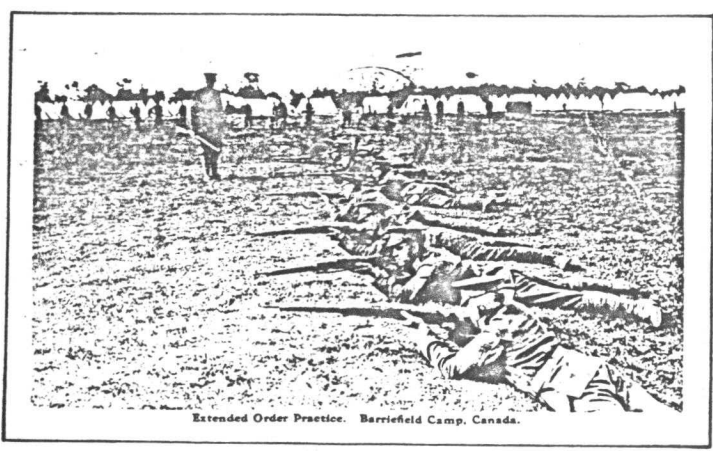
The circular orderly room stamp is dated APR 24 1943 and was struck in purple on a yellow post card and reads: 33 COY. V.G. of C. (A.F.)

The Veteran Guard of Canada served on garrison duty in the Bahamas later being replaced by members of the regular Army known as "N" Force. Canadian Forces were withdrawn to Canada in 1946.

We would be pleased to learn of other markings pertaining to the V.G. of C.

336...Canada Militia cancels - part 2 of 3

Camp name	Hammer number or other detail	Proof date of hammer	Earliest reported usage date	Latest reported usage date	Total number of reports
Valcartier P.Q.	first hammer	Aug 13 14	Aug 21 14	Aug 23 14	2
"	second hammer	Sep 3 14	Jul 6 15	Aug 11 16	5
"	third hammer	Sep 16 14	no strikes reported		0
Vernon BC	only hammer	Jun 12 15	Jul 5 15	Nov 4 19	41-45
Sewell Man	second hammer	Jul 9 15	no strikes reported		0
Barriefield Ont	second hammer	Jul 23 15	Jun 5 16	Jul 28 39	31-35
Niagara (plain)	FIELD POST OFFICE	Aug 10 15	Aug 23 15	Jul 17 37	31-35
Niagara Ont	FIELD POST OFFICE	•A•Sep 18 15	Oct 3 15	May 8 41	41-45
Hughes • Man •	only hammer	Oct 13 15	Jun 2 16	Oct 22 16	31-35
Borden Ont	first dated proof	May 12 16	not yet determined		-
Hughes Manitoba	first hammer	Jun 8 16	Jun 21 16	Oct 10 16	31-35



Extended Order Practice. Barriefield Camp, Canada.

card dated DEC 9 1915



proof strike

337...World War One postmarks - C.E.F. usage

The postmarks listed in this item present a real challenge to collectors of Canadian Military Mail. For this reason we are particularly pleased to at last have the opportunity to list those known to have been prepared for use. We've had information on file since early in 1974! Have added some since however.

As far as rarity is concerned we venture to say the majority would rate in the rare class so a reasonably complete collection might be possible only as a joint project by all members of the Study Group.

We have brought together in this item all previous references in earlier Newsletters. Representative postmarks are illustrated so all members may recognize exactly which postmarks are being considered at this time as there are other double ring types to appear at a later date.

This listing is a beginning and will at the very least provide members with columns to tick off the items they have in their collections. We hope however this item will start the Group on a real search for these historic items of Canadian Military Postal History. Or as the famous bard once said, "C.M.M. Study Group is the name. RESEARCH is the game!" Unquote.

We acknowledge the large measure of help already provided by Reg. A. Kingston and Alan Brown of the Forces Postal History Society in England.

Former references are: Newsletter #11 item 30, Newsletter #32 item 226 and Newsletter #33 items 238 and 249.

Double Ring type - - CANADIAN is common to all

	on stamp	cover
Base P.O. Bramshott Camp.		
P.O. Bramshott Camp. Hants.		
Base P.O. Brighton.		
P.O. Brighton.		
P.O. C.D.D. Buxton.		
P.O. Coombe Down Bath.		
P.O. Crowborough Camp. Sussex.		
Base P.O. Dibgate Camp.		
P.O. Dibgate Camp.		
Post Office C.C.A.C.		
P.O. Hastings.		
POST Office Otterpool Camp. Kent.		
P.O. Otterpool Camp.		

	stamp	cover
Field P.O. St Martins Plain.		
Base P.O. Salisbury		
Field P.O. Salisbury Camp.		
Base P.O. Seaford Camp.		
P.O. Seaford Camp.		
P.O. Seaford Camp. Sussex.		
P.O. C.D.D. Shoreham -on-Sea.		
P.O. C.C.A.C. Shoreham -on-Sea.		
Base. Shorncliffe.		
Base P.O. Shorncliffe Camp.		
Base P.O. Witley Camp.		
P.O. Witley Camp.		



Canadian P.O. Coombe Down Bath.

Canadian P.O. Seaford Camp. Sussex.



337...World War One postmarks - C.E.F. usage - continued

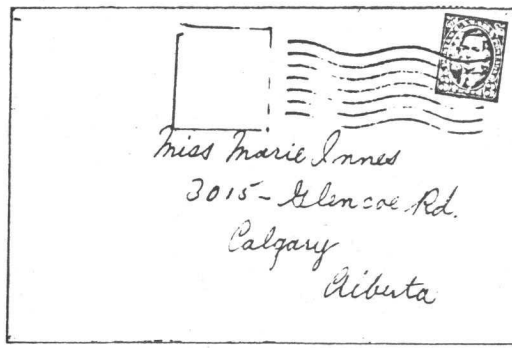
REGISTERED oval type - - REGISTERED/CANADIAN is common to all

	cover
P.O. Bramshott Camp.	
P.O. Bath.	
P.O. Crowborough Camp. Sussex.	
P.O. Otterpool Camp.	
F.P.O. Sandling Camp.	
F.P.O. St Martins Plain.	

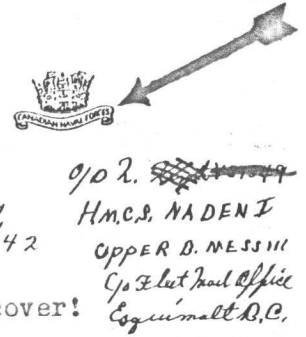
	cover
P.O. Seaford Camp. Sussex.	
P.O. Shorncliffe.	
P.O. Witley Camp.	
P.O. C.D.D. Shoreham -on-Sea.	



338...C.N.F. censored cover - originating office unknown?



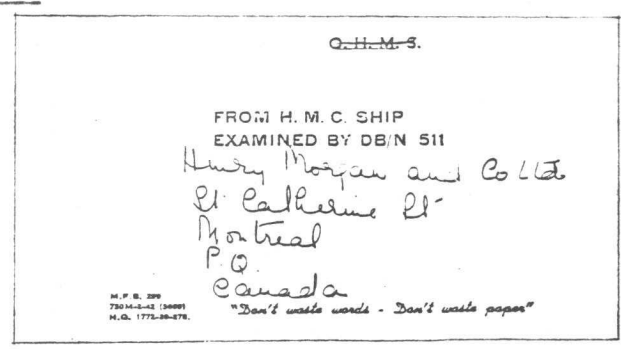
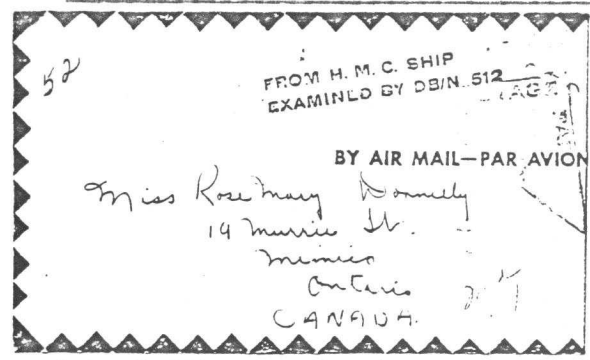
Seeing a blank square where normally a circular hub reposes is bound to attract attention. The tombstone censor mark on the back (Whitehouse #2, NL19 item 86) provides only the censoring date Aug 18 1942 but the letter inside reveals the place of origin. The writer has blown his (security) cover!



339...Among the missing - help needed

We still require a photocopy of the double ring type cancel, on cover, as used during World War One by the C.E.F. bearing the number S.84. The title, "CAN. REINPT", is involved as is APO 3 at Boulogne.

340...AVALON censor markings - additional number



John Frith sent in the cover shown reduced at left with a note that DB/N512 shows evidence of having been assigned to Avalon whereas DB/N500 - 510 only were thought to have seen service there. Wilf Whitehouse agrees based on evidence in his possession. Wilf also questions the whereabouts of DB/N511? What appears to be a "favour" cover is shown at right. No evidence appears as to the place of origin. Can readers offer any assistance in "locating" DB/N511?

All for now, CHEERS Ken, Colin + Sid.

333... British datestamps - Canadian Expeditionary Force usage - Survey return sheet  
 Further to item 333 on page 3.

CANADIAN CORPS

Sep 1915 - Sep 1916 FPO HX  
 Oct 16 - Jan 17 HW  
 Feb 17 - Jun 17 HW 2  
 Jun 17 - Feb 18 HX  
 Feb 18 - Jul 18 HW  
 Aug 18 - Feb 19 H3

CAVALRY BRIGADE

Jan 1916 - Apr 1916 FPO CX1 (T2 & D2)  
 Jun 16 - Sep 16 CX1  
 Oct 16 - Jun 17 (C3?)  
 Feb 17 - Jun 17 (SAL)  
 Jun 17 - Feb 18 SAL  
 Feb 18 - Mar 18 (12P)

1st Canadian Division

	<u>Div HQ</u>	<u>Div Train</u>	<u>1 Cdn Bde</u>	<u>2 C Bde</u>	<u>3 C Bde</u>	<u>Railhead (APO)</u>
Feb 1915 - Jun 1916	DX	TX	1X	2X	3X	RX (SBL/D1)
Jun 16 - Sep 16	DX2	(TX2)	(4X?)	5X	6X	RX
Oct 16 - Jan 17	DW1	TW1	(1W)	(2W)	3W	RP1
Feb 17 - Jun 17	(D55?)	(T55?)	(1B)	2B	3B	RP1 (HL/D1)
Jun 17 - Feb 18	DP1	TP1	1P	2P	3P	RP1
Feb 18 - Jul 18	DCL	?	C1	C2	C3	RP1
Aug 18 - Dec 18	(D35?)	T35	(3N?)	146	(147?)	RP1
Jan 19 - Feb 19						Germany/
Feb 19 - Mar 19	DP1				3P	Belgium

2nd Canadian Division

	<u>Div HQ</u>	<u>Div Train</u>	<u>4 Cdn Bde</u>	<u>5 C Bde</u>	<u>6 C Bde</u>	<u>Railhead</u>
Sep 1915 - Jun 1916	DX2	TX2	4X	5X	6X	RX2 (APO)
Jun 16 - Sep 16	DX3	TX3	7X	8X	9X	RX2
Oct 16 - Jan 17	(DW2?)	(TW2)	4W	5W	6W	
Feb 17 - Jun 17	(D56)	(T56)	182	183	(184?)	RP2 (HL/D1)
		(T58)				
Jun 17 - Feb 18	DP2	TP2	4P	5P	6P	RP2
Feb 18 - Jul 18	DC2	TI2	(C4?)	C5	C6	RP2
Aug 18 - Dec 18	(D36)	(T36?)	154	155 (SB 2)	156	RP2 Ger/Belg
Jan 19 - Feb 19						
Feb 19 - Apr 19			4P		6P	

3rd Canadian Division

	<u>Div HQ</u>	<u>Div Train</u>	<u>7 Cdn Bde</u>	<u>8 C Bde</u>	<u>9 C Bde</u>	<u>Railhead</u>
Jan 1916 - Jun 1916	DX3	TX3	7X	8X	9X	RX3 (APO)
Jun 16 - Sep 16	DX	TX	1X	2X	3X	RX3
Oct 16 - Jan 17	(DW4?)	(TW4?)	7W	8W	(12W)	RX3
Feb 17 - Jun 17	D61	T61	185	186	187	RP3 (HL/D1)
Jun 17 - Feb 18	DP3	TP3	7P	8P	9P	RP3
Feb 18 - Jul 18	(DC3?)	?	C7	C8	C9	RP3
Aug 18 - Feb 19	D20	(T20?)	(151)	(152)	153	RP3

4th Canadian Division

	<u>Div HQ</u>	<u>Div Train</u>	<u>10 Cdn Bde</u>	<u>11 C Bde</u>	<u>12 C Bde</u>	<u>Railhead</u>
Aug 1916 - Sep 1916	(DX4)	(TX4)	(10X)	(11X)	(12X)	RX4 (APO)
Oct 16 - Jan 17	(DW5?)	(TW5?)	(13W)	(14W)	(15W)	RX4
Feb 17 - Jun 17	D62	T62	188	(189)	190	RP4 (APO)
	(TL&D2)	(TL&D2)	(TL&D2)			(HL&D1)
Jun 17 - Feb 18	DP4	TP4	10P	11P	12P	RP4
Feb 18 - Jul 18	DZ	TZ	C10	C11	CPL	RP4
Aug 18 - Feb 19	(D21)	(T21)	175	169	168	
Feb 19 - May 19		TP4	10P	11P	12P	

5th Canadian Division (Artillery)

	<u>Div Train</u>
Oct 1917 - Feb 1918	TP5
Feb 18 - Jul 18	?
Aug 18 - Feb 19	(DC2?)
Feb 19 - May 19	TP5

