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Dear Member:

434...Study Group business - 1982

Treasurer Ken brings us a current financial report as follows -

Balance forward \$1.52 Dues in 135.40 Newsletters 47/48/49 48.54 balance \$88.38

The costs of producing and mailing NL50 must be taken from this balance.

With the completion of Newsletter #50 your Editor is putting aside his C.M.M.S.G. editorial pen. The Group is in good shape financially and there are no problems. In the nine years since NL #1 we have produced approximately 350 pages which include about 50 written by Wilf Whitehouse. Thanks are due to Sid Bedwell, Ed Harris and Ken Ellison for their continuing support in producing each Newsletter and to the many members of the Group who have contributed material and advice over the years.

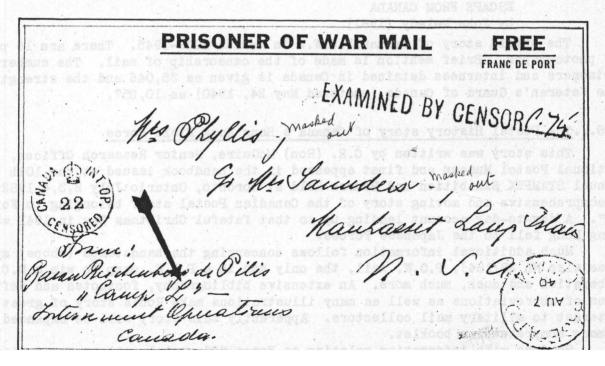
Those interested in keeping the Study Group alive may contact Ken Ellison

or the B.N.A.P.S. Study Group Co-Ordinator.

### 435...Reference books

Readers who would like to research and write articles on WW2 P.O.W. camps in Canada would do well to read the following books ....

> DEEMED SUSPECT A Wartime Blunder by Eric Koch (1980)



### 435...continued

This is the story of the earliest Internment Camps in Canada where refugees from England, Germany and Italy were housed. Initially, internment camps were designated by letters of the alphabet. There are nine of these mentioned in the book of which six were later assigned numbers. The remaining three were known during their short existence, only as "L" (Plains of Abraham - Quebec, P.Q.), "T" (Trois Riviers, P.Q.) and "R" (Red Rock Ont.). The opening dates for these camps were July 13, 1940, July 15, 1940 and July 1, 1940 respectively.



Closing dates, according to the referenced book, were October 15, 1940, August 12, 1940 and October 31, 1941.

The second book is -

ESCAPE FROM CANADA by John Melady (1981)

The untold story of German P.O.W.s in Canada 1939-1945. There are 16 pages of photographs. Brief mention is made of the censorship of mail. The number of prisoners and internees detained in Canada is given as 35,046 and the strength of the Veteran's Guard of Canada (mustered May 24, 1940) as 10,257.

### 436... The Postal History story of Canada's Hong Kong Field Force

This story was written by C.R. (Ron) McGuire, Senior Research Officer, National Postal Museum and first appeared in the handbook issued at the 10th annual STAMPEX Exhibition and Bourse held at Toronto, Ontario July 2,3,4 1982. A comprehensive and moving story of the Canadian Postal staff belonging to Force "C". A day-to-day account leading up to that fateful Christmas Day in 1941 when Hong Kong fell to the Japanese Forces.

Much additional information follows concerning the handstamps (chops) mystery (see also NL 28/184), P.O.W. mail, the only man in a P.O.W. camp to win a D.C.M., liberation and much, much more. An extensive bibliography, footnotes and definitions of abbreviations as well as many illustrations make Ron's story of great interest to military mail collectors. Apparently this story will be expanded into a more comprehensive booklet.

Readers with information relating to Force "C" postal matters are invited to write to Ron McGuire directly.

### 437...No.6 (R.C.A.F.) Bomber Group postal facilities

Our NL 43/354 introduced members to Michael Dobbs and it was stated that we might expect to hear from Michael again. Late in September we received a nine page "preliminary look" (M.D.) at No.6 Bomber Group. This includes the squadrons which formed the group (and their subsequent movements) and the Field Post Offices which served them. Editors note: NL31/212 lists these FPOs whose datestamps were numbered 18, 241, 297, 547, 595, 598, 652, 668, 672, 673 and 677.



Michael points out that two additional datestamps were issued, FPO 281 and FPO 56, to the R.C.A.F. but, to his knowledge, no cancelled covers have been re-\*ported. Reports of usage of the FPO 595 handstamp also is requested dated within the April 1943 - May 1945 period.

\* the time frame here would be January 1944 - July 1946

Those wishing to forward information direct may write:- Michael Dobbs, 80 Addison Gardens, London, England W15 ODR. We're sure Michael will respond at a later date when he has gathered more data.

Incidentally, almost forgot, 428 Squadron was at Dalton, Yorkshire from January 1943 to June 1943 then moved to Middleton St. George, County Durham in June 1943 remaining until June 1945 when it returned to Canada. Two other sqdns., at the same station were 419 and 420 at approximately the same time. The FPO number there was SC.58 (see oval marking above) but the datestamp was FPO 673.

### 438...Scarce Canadian WWl postmark - NOT KNOWN C.F.P.O. 2.E (or other)

In case you think "you've got 'em all", here is one more to search for. Seriously, its not too easy to see if you aren't familiar with it. We've seen three examples and illustrate them here.....



circa Jan 1919 circa Feb 1919



circa May 1919

In two of the three cases the straightline type marking has been accompanied by the double ring cancel shown at right.

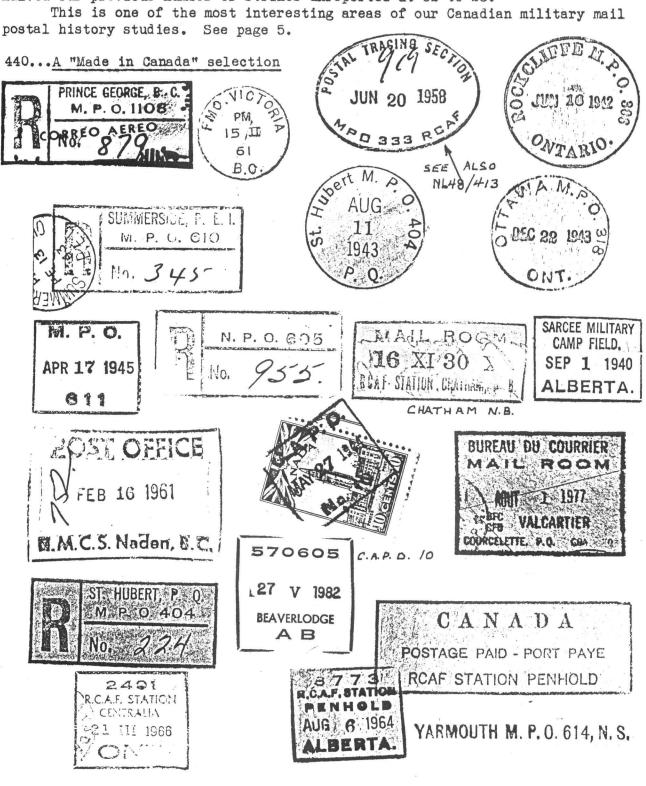


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### 439...British datestamps - Canadian use - WW1 - survey up-date

Readers will recall our first survey the results of which appeared in NL Brief lists of additions were included in NLs 43/365 and 45/381 before things came to a halt. Since, however, eight reports have come in so we have brought things up to date and include the results herein.

Some of the types of datestamps (T1/2), (D1/2) etc., are fuzzy and require more work. Mainly these occur in the Railhead postmarks and a few in the 4th Division listing. We are showing 415 strikes so far reported and this has about halved our previous number of strikes unreported at 52 to 25.



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### BY AIR MAIL

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Title	48%	50%	
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AFFIX 6d. POSTAGE HERE

### BY AIR MAIL

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In millimeters where required to identify varieties in the type. Dimensions:

"Imperial/(Grest)/Airmail/2W or 3W"
A - "2W"
B - "3W" Watermark:

C - No Watermark

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### ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

### AIR MAIL

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"Imperial/(Crest)/Airmail/2W or 3W"
A - "2W"
B - "3W"
C - No Watermark Watermark:

40/P&S/1448 on back panel. C.F.Q. 11 Form Code:

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ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

Affix 10c. or 6d. Stamp

If anything is enclosed in this letter it will be sent by ordinary mail.

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Paper:

In Canada

Printed:

ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

Title:

TO

In millimeters where required to identify varieties in the type.

Dimensions:

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lber	Issued	Postage Details	Address	Title	Вох	Identification remarks
10	September	AFFIX	dotted			Address lines - 18 dots per inch
	1943	10¢ or 6d STAMP				Dark blue paper as #1
5A		=	dotted			Address lines - 18 dots per inch. Light blue paper.
5A1		=	dotted			Title now in larger type. No period after 10¢ and 6d. Address lines - 18 dots per inch.
5A2		a a	dotted			Address lines - 30 dots per inch "A" of ARMED.
5A3			dotted			Address lines - 30 dots per inch. New Die cut, flaps 117mm left and 37mm right.
544		<b>E</b>	dotted			Address lines - 35 dots per inch. Regular Die cut. Flaps are again of equal width. Instuctions are printed in smaller type.

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AIR LETTER Title:

Dark blue as #1 Light blue gray (shades)

Paper:

Printed:

In Canada

Dimensions:

In millimeters where required to identify varieties in the type.

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5A5		AFFIX 10¢ or 6d STAMP	dotted			Address lines - 37 dots per inch. All printing in larger type than previously. No Colon after "TO"
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AIR LETTER

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Dimensions: In millimeters where required to identify varieties in the type.

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AIR LETTER

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If anything is enclosed in this letter it will be sent by ordinary mail.

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Identification remarks	Address lines - 18 dots per inch	Address lines - 35 dots per inch	Address lines - 45 dots per inch All printing in larger type than previously. No colon after "TO"		Last "1" in will directly under "g" of anything.	
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# ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

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In millimeters where required to identify

varieties in the type.

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Printed:

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Watermarks:

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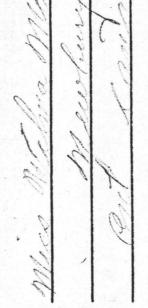
No Watermark = "C"

In England by #1 Printing & Stationery Detachment of Canadian Army.

Numerous shades blue and blue gray.

ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

Title:



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1,0	7 March 1944	STAMP 8 X Yamm	3 Solid - To 4 - From	77mm		υ	Light gray blue paper, also medium blue. No Registration instructions on back panel.
ξA		:	3 Solid - To 2 - From	=		DA	Various shades of blue and light blue gray paper. Registration instructions added to back panel.
6A1		=	60 60	=			Double printing (not confirmed)
5A2		=		79mm			Right edge of AIR MAIL box is under "R" of FORCES.
6A3		=	E	79½ mm		Ö	Right edge of AIR MAIL box is under "O" of FORCES. FROM measures 10% mm.
6A4		=	=	81½ mm		Ď	Form Code has space between "F" and "Q"
5A5		u	4 Solid - To 2 From	77 mm		υ	11mm space between 1st & 2nd Address to lines.
5A6		=	н	77 mm		ь	9mm space between 1st & 2nd Address to lines.

ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER Title: Numerous shades blue and blue gray. Paper:

In England by #1 Printing & Stationery Detachment of Canadian Army. Printed:

In millimeters where required to identify varieties in the type. Dimensions:

"Imperial/(Crest)/Airmail/4 W" = "A" Watermarks:

"Air Mail Bond/(plane)/British Made" = "B"

No Watermark = "G"

Form Code:

CFQ 11 40/P&S/1448 on back panel

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Title	79 mm	81½ mm	74 mm	78 mm	
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Postage Details	STAMP 9 X 2 mm	E	=	=	
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& 2nd Address to lines. Right edge of AIR MAIL box under "R" of FORCES. TAME but not confirmed. Open Here First Address to line is double thickness. Space between Address to lines is 10% mm. 40/P&S/1448 on back panel Address lines are double thickness. AIR LETTER Identification remarks "4 W" watermark reported Dark blue paper as in #1 8% mm space between 1st Form Code is CFA-11 ARMED FORCES If posted in a Civil Post Office This letter must be posted in Armed Forces Postal channels. or pillar box, it will not be TO: given air transmission. Open Here Wmk 4 O V D m U O O Box # 17B1 29 In millimeters where required to identify MI 78½ mm 78½ mm mm 78½ mm Title In England by #1 Printing & Stationery Detachment of Canadian Army. 781/2 781/2 "Imperial/(Crest)/Airmail/4 W" = "A" "Air Mail Bond/(plane)/British Made" Numerous shades blue and blue gray. - From - From Address 3 - To 2 - Fro lines - To ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER 4 N varieties in the type. in Cir 101/2 X 21/2mm 10% X 2/amm Details Postage STAMP No Watermark = CFQ 11 40/P&S/1448 Issued 1944 Watermarks: Dimensions: Form Code: Printed:

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Posting instructions and Blue TRIANGLE overprinted n on front panel, "Honour" certificate on back. Blue TRIANGLE only overprinted on #4D Form Code now reads: CFQ 11A 40/P&S/1448 Identification remarks If anything is enclosed in this letter it will be sent by ordinary ARMED FORCES Open Hr ARMAL AIR LETTER N 型 25-2-46 m U m U Box In millimeters where required to identify Title In England by #1 Printing & Stationery Detachment of Canadian Army "Imperial/(Crest)/Airmail/2W or 3W" "HONOUR" Forms Address lines Solid = varieties in the type. Medium blue (shades) Postage Details C - No Watermark AFFIX 6d STAMP : ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER A - "2"" - "3W" 18 April 1944 Issued Dimensions: Watermark: Printed: Title: Paper: ber

### "HONOUR" Forms

Title: ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

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varieties in the type.
Watermarks: "Imperial/(Crest)/Airmail/4 W" = "A"

No Watermark = "C"

"Air Mail Bond/(plane)/British Made" = "B"

Form Code: CFQ 1'

CFQ 11A 40/P&S/1448 on back panel

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# ARMED FORCES AIR LETTER

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78	18 April 1944	STAMP 10% or 11mm	Solid 3 - To 2 - From	76mm		4 M O	Right edge of AIR MAIL box under "E" of FORCES
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783	wai j	<b>.</b>	<b>a</b>	=		υ	Right edge of AIR MAIL box under "O" of FORCES Different printing type used to print instructions. Very light blue gray paper.