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CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

This will be our last Newsletter until the September issue which will be available at the BNAPS Convention in Calgary where we hope to see all of you on the 12, 13, 14 of September. Please look in the last issue of TOPICS for details regarding the Exhibition Prospectus and room reservations. And please help Ed out with our Seminar by bringing along the five favorite pages asked for in the last newsletter.

Many of you have expressed thoughts about the Newsletter in the Questionnaire that was sent out earlier, but the Editor feels that this topic should be discussed at the Seminar. Perhaps a new Editor might be in order to liven things up a bit.

Finances? At this time of writing we have a credit of \$111.91. As there is \$75 of this paid in advance by some members we actually have \$36.91 on hand to use before asking for dues again. It looks like we will be asking for money in the November Newsletter. It may seem that this is a continuing topic, but actually it will be two years since the last call. Our biggest cost is postage which averages about \$17 per issue. So far we are lucky in having a 'source' that does our photocopying for free. A sincere thank you to that 'source'. This thank you also goes to the 'courier', unpaid of course, that operates between the printer and editor.

By the way, we now have 43 members, and in addition the newsletter goes out to the BNAPS Editor, Librarian, and Study Group Co-ordinator, the National Postal Museum (?) and the Forces Postal History Society in England. The latter group exchanges Newsletters with us and we have many valuable contacts in England as a result of this.

We have one new member to welcome, and he is-

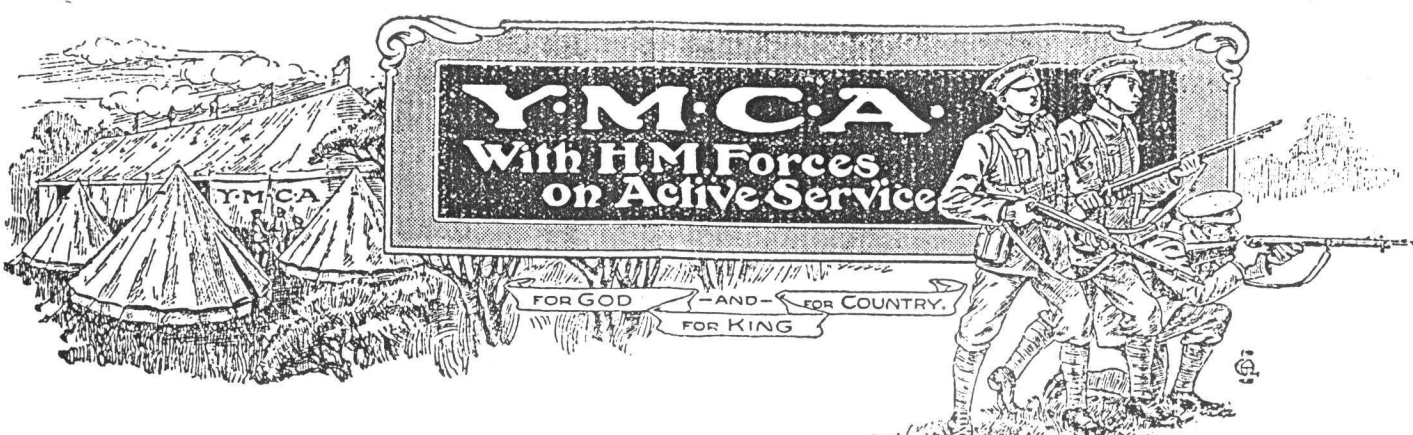
Michel Gagne 72 Demontbrun, Boucherville, P.Q. J4B 4T9

Michel is interested in the C.A.P.O.'s, C.F.P.O.'s and R.C.A.F. Stations so we hope Dave Hanes' article this issue will help fill the bill. (At this point, a pardon to Dave for not being able to improve the print quality on the article--gremlins).

Our reliable correspondent over the years, Wally Gutzman, has just had a book published by BNAPS. The title--
THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC POST CARD HANDBOOK 1904-1914.

It is excellent in all respects. There were many patriotic cards with a military theme and you will find many of them in the book. A copy may be had from the BNAPS Book Department (see TOPICS for March-April, page 8, for details), or your favorite dealer may have it in stock.

All for now. See you in CALGARY!



Patron of National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s:
 HIS MAJESTY THE KING.
 Patron Military Camp Department:
 H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

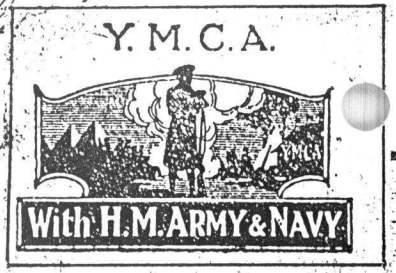
HEADQUARTERS:
 "GEORGE WILLIAMS HOUSE,"
 13, RUSSELL SQUARE,
 LONDON, W.C.

From Bustard camp Labrador Plains
1st Batt. 4th Platoon Regt. A Coy.
 Address reply to E. Parsons 1st Batt. 1st Brig
4th Platoon Can. Co. Force
Canadian Expeditionary

England October 18 - 1914

My dear friends I suppose you will wonder where I am or why I have not written for so long we left Valcartier camp on the 25th day of Sept and embarked on Steamer Laurentic of the White Star Line to Quebec and went down the St. Lawrence river till we got to Lake Bay New Brunswick we anchored there four days waiting for the rest of the 32 ships and 6 cruisers of which conveyed the first contingent from Canada we had nice weather on the ocean it took us 10 days going across altogether we were 3 weeks on board well I suppose we will be going to the front in about 2 months I will always remember my home wherever I go and if I'm spared to come back I will come and see you all I will write to you as long as I'm here when you don't hear from me you will know what has happened you like to take my trunk there is a new suit of Sunday clothes and under wear which would come in handy for John who

What a lovely piece of collateral material from the First World War! This letter was written two days after the First Canadian Contingent landed at Plymouth, England. Note that the cut-out is from the corner of the cover. Hope the informative letter is readable. This page courtesy of our Lively correspondent.



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R.C.A.F. STATION

CANCELS

Having joined the RCAF in 1961, and with this year being the 60th Anniversary of the RCAF, I have undertaken the project of attempting to produce a proper check list of the various types of Station cancels.

Major W.J. Bailey in his handbook - "Canadian Military Postmarks" touched briefly on the topic indicating that there were many types, but he didn't attempt to compile a checklist.

Back in 1977, an attempt to put together a list of the cancels via "the Canadian Military Mail Study " Newsletter was made. Seven collectors responded at the time but I believe nothing else has been attempted to date.

I have approached the project in another manner. I originally drew up a checklist, and then approached known specialists in this field, for their comments and different cancels in their collections. Needless to say, I have had to change and add to the original list.

Upon checking the submitted list, some collectors may comment that the "straight line" type cancel has been omitted. I am aware that these type of cancels (?) exist but feel that they are only rubber stamps which in most cases are return addresses.

Special thanks must be passed to John Frith who has encouraged me throughout every change to the original list. Graham Noble has assisted with providing copies of the Ontario Stations along with periods of use, from his Ontario Historical Directory. (Still under production). Joe Purcell, Brian Plain and W.G. Robinson have also provided lists of their holdings and encouragement on the project.

Now that there is a checklist available, hopefully, other members will take the time to check their own holdings and report any new discoveries. Information requested -- the period of use, MOON numbers assigned to the stations, and photocopies of cancels not in agreement with the checklist.



A D HANES
126 SCHOOL ST SITE 20
BORDEN ONT
LOM 100



Type 1



Type 1a



Type 2



Type 2a



Type 3



Type 4



Type 5



Duplex Type 1



Duplex Type 2



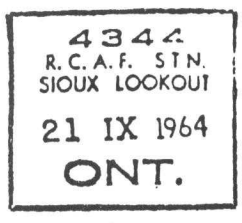
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Type 2



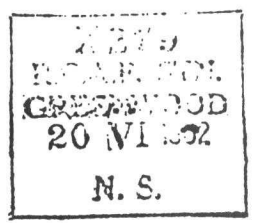
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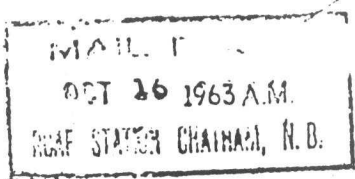
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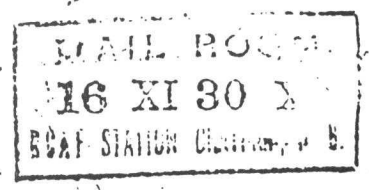
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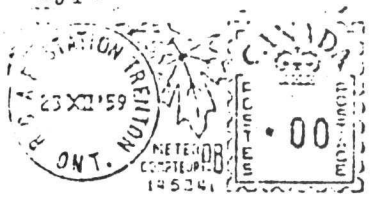
Large MOON Type 2



Rubber "Receiver"



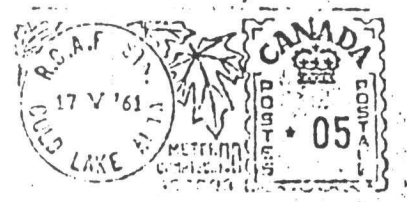
Rubber "Hold"



Meter Type 1

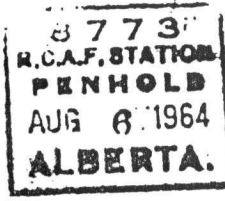
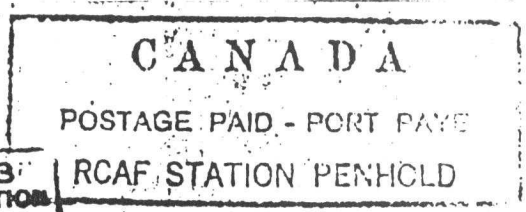


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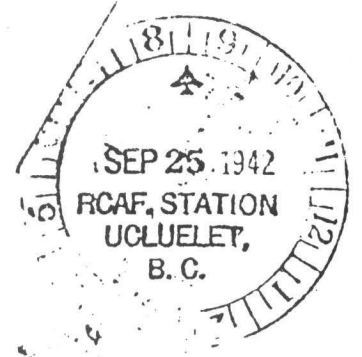


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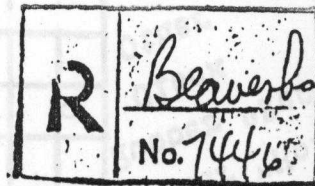
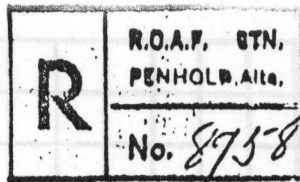
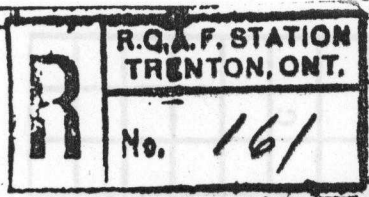
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Other



CLOCK



Registered Type 1

Type 1a

Type 1b

Type 1b



Other - 2 Ring Meter.

Type 1 - Two Arcs - RCAF STATION on Top - Name and Province on Bottom Large Letters

Type 1a - same as Type 1 but letters are smaller (later issue of hammer)

Type 2 - Large Letters - information in full circle with Province at Bottom

Type 2a - same as Type 2 but letters are smaller

Type 3 - same as Type 2a but STATION is now abbreviated "STN."

Type 4 - no STATION included in information

Type 5 - RCAF-ARC - bilingual cancel

Machine Type 1 - "STATION" in full

Machine Type 2 - "STN." abbreviated

Small MOON - small sized box - small letters - STATION in full

Small MOON Type 2 - same as Type 1 but "STN" abbreviated

Large MOON Type 1 - Larger box, larger letters - STATION in full

Large MOON Type 2 - same as Type 1 but "STN." abbreviated

Rubber "Receiver" - rubber cancel used in the Station Mail Room showing date of the receipt of the piece of mail

Rubber "Hold" - rubber cancel used in the Station Mail Room showing the period that the mail would be held prior to being forwarded to a new address or being returned to sender

Meter Type 1 - STATION in full

Meter Type 2 - RCAF-ARC - bilingual cancel

Meter Type 3 - STN abbreviated

CLOCK - cancel used as a receiver showing an arrow pointing to time of day that the piece of mail was received

Registered Type 1 - shows location and province

Registered Type 1a - same as Type 1 but province is omitted

Registered Type 1b - smaller sized box, smaller letters, STN is abbreviated

Other - 2 Ring Meter - RCAF ROCKCLIFFE/ONTARIO - this is the only station type reported at this time so is listed as an other type of cancel

R.C.A.F. STATIONS	Period of Use	Type 1	Type 1a	Type 2	Type 2a	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Duplex 1	Duplex 2	Machine 1	Machine 2	Roller	Registered 1a	Registered 1b	T. MOON 1	T. MOON 2	S. MOON 1	S. MOON 2	Meter 1	Meter 2	Meter 3	Rubber "Hold"	Rubber "Receipt"	Clock	Other	NON
La Macaza																											
Lac St Denis			C	C	C																						
London	1-11-54/15-8-58		X	C																							
Macdonald			C																								
Moisie			C	C	C																						
Mont Apica			C	C	C																						
Moose Jaw			C	C																							
Moosonee	6-12-62/1-10-66		C		C																						
North Bay	2-9-58/1-11-66		C	C																							
Pagwa	22-7-64/ -66		X	X																							
Parent			X	C																							
Penhold	25-10-54/		X	C																							
Rockcliffe #2	10-6-40/1-5-41																										
Rockcliffe	23-5-51/2-12-57		X	C																							
Saskatoon			C	C	C	C	C																				
Seneterre			C	C	C		C																				
Sioux Lookout	4-3-64/10-10-66		C	C	C																						
Southport			X																								
St. Hubert			C																								
St. Jean			X	C			C																				
St. Margarets			X	C																							
St. Marie	2-11-54/17-8-55		X																								
St. Sylvestre	18-8-55/																										
Summerside																											
Tofino #2			C																								

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DUPLX

