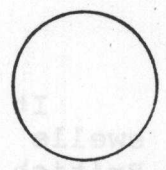
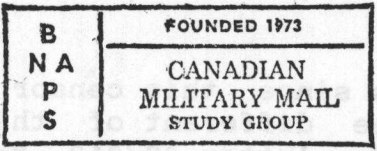


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Winter is here, at least in this part of the world, and there seems to be even less philatelic material about than usual - perhaps one should say none! In spite of this there seems to be lots to do in one field or another. Since a New Year has crept up on us, we send Best Wishes to all and hope that your pursuits are fruitful for 1986.

A word about dues for the Study Group and Newsletter is in order now that the New Year is here. You, collectively, have been very prompt on this matter as only five have not responded. If you have NOT renewed, a RED X above should tell you something. If there is no response this may be your last communication from the C.M.M.S.G.

We have learned from both Steve Luciuk and Colin Campbell that our member from Saskatoon, Bill Richards passed away on November 28, 1985. Bill attended many philatelic shows in the west that we know of, and he will be missed by all.

This year has already brought us two new members, and we welcome them, and hope they will be able to contribute to the group. They are:

- Colin Pomfret R.R. #1, Millgrove, Ontario, LOR 1V0
- P. R. Sanderson Box 174, Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 4S1

Our membership now stands at 47 members. The showing in new members is no doubt due in part to John Burnett, the BNAPS Study Group Co-ordinator, and Frank Waite, who does the Study Group column in TOPICS.

An item of interest to Study Group members, and to former members of Canada's Naval Service was the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's TV program called READY AYE READY that was aired on January 1, 1986. It was a documentary review of the Canadian navy from its founding in 1910 to date. In the one hour long show they managed to give a pretty good story. 1985 was the Navy's 75th anniversary and we have seen many excellent exhibits and programs presented in its honor.

In this newsletter we are presenting John Frith's article on "WW 1 Allocations of British Datestamps to the Canadian Corps Division Train in Security Phase Five (Feb. 1918 - July 1918)." It is hoped that you will go over your WW 1 F.P.O. material and send John a report on what you think of his work.

Over the page is a short article (we would like to have many more like this!) by Colin Campbell on a rare World War I censor marking that has turned up recently. We have known of the internment camp in Nanaimo but this is the first cancel noted from there. The cover and marking have, of course, been reduced in size for ease of inclusion here.

CENSOR MARKING - WORLD WAR I - NANAIMO B. C.

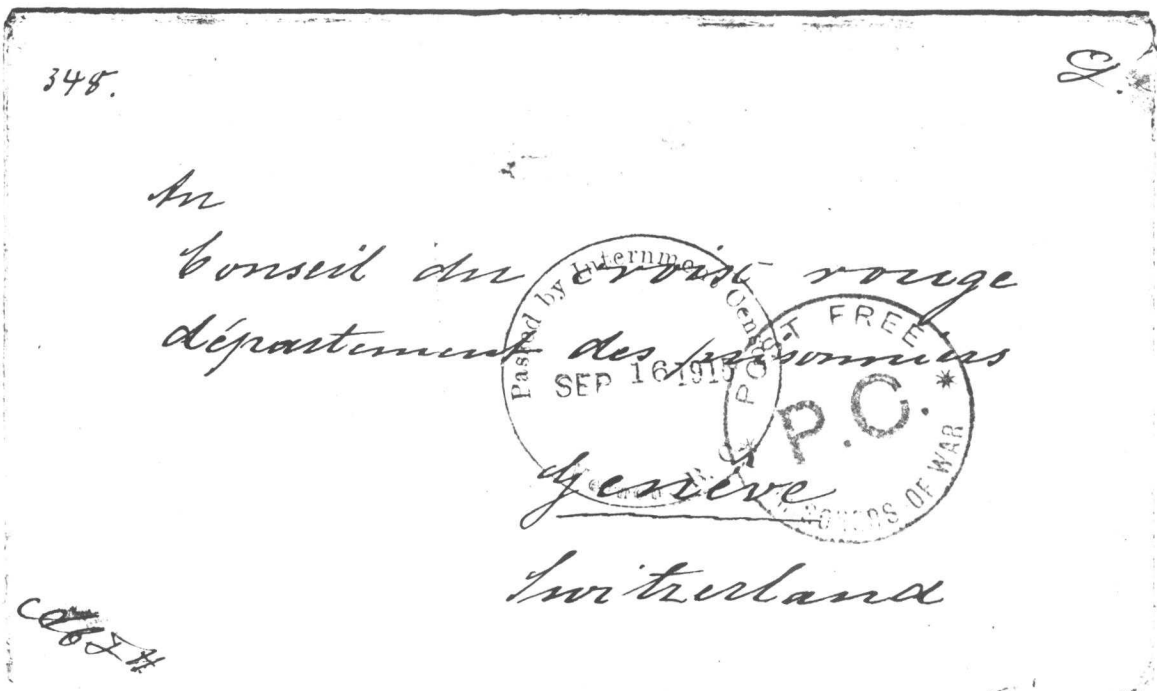
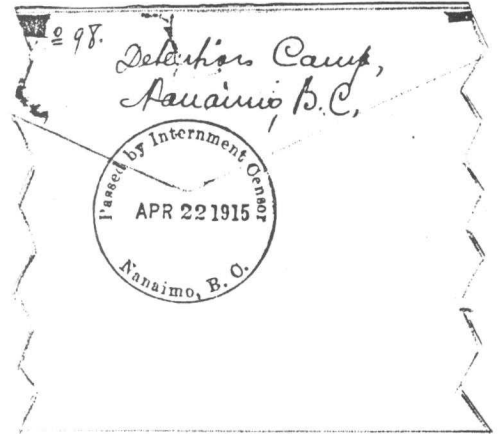
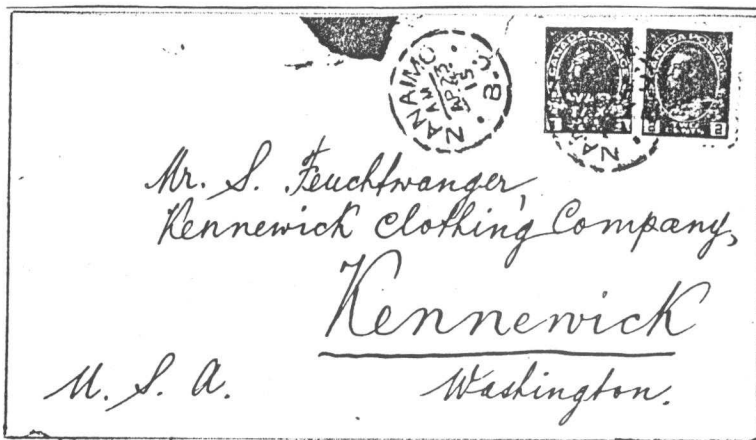
By Colin Campbell

It has been 70 years since this censor marking was struck and it swells the ranks to three different of this type now reported from British Columbia. See Newsletter 39/313 for the Morrissey (spelling) strike and NL 20/97, page 7, for the Vernon listing. The earliest Vernon date of which the writer is presently aware is May 1916.

A brief survey of early dates on this type of censor marking from the camps across Canada indicates the Nanaimo date as the earliest so far reported.

Major-General Sir William Otter's Report of Internment Operations - 1914 - 1920 issued in 1921 states that the Nanaimo camp opened September 20, 1914 and closed September 17, 1915. Approximately 125 detainees were at Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo, B. C. state 2 squared circle cancel on Admiral stamps adds interest to the cover. This hammer was in use for over 60 years.



Above is noted a similar marking from the Vernon Camp for September 16, 1915, and is addressed to Switzerland and bears the familiar P.C. marking used on overseas P.O.W. mails.

WWI Allocations of British datestamps to the Canadian Corps Division Trains in Security Phase V (Feb 18 - Jul 18) - John Frith

It has been quite some time (Vol 53) since any reports have been received of new findings of WWI FPO datestamps used by the Canadian Corps (re items 333, 351 & 439), and in an attempt to create some new interest in the subject I propose to act as a "Devil's Advocate" by putting forward a solution to the above. Before doing so however, I should point out that quite a few new WWI covers have appeared in the last few years and an important new study on WWI Field Censor markings by F.W. Daniel has been published by the Forces Postal History Society in England.

SECURITY PHASE V (Feb 18 - Jul 18)

| DIVISION TRAIN | CMMSG Item 333 | PROPOSED |
|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1st Canadian | ? | (TX2?) |
| 2nd Canadian | TI2 | (TX3?) |
| 3rd Canadian | ? | (TX4?) |
| 4th Canadian | TZ | (TX ?) |
| 5th Canadian | ? | TI2 |

5th Canadian Div (TI2) - The reason I am beginning with this Division is because it is here that I have what I believe to be the most solid basis for my theory. For some time now, I have noticed that every cover I have seen with an FPO cancel attributed to this division (TP5 & DC2) had either censor marking (CM)*CM6 #5219 or CM6 #5220 in combination with it (FIG 1,3,4 and others). This convinced me that the unit using these censor numbers had to be in the 5th Division and if so, then when they appeared on a cover it was likely that the FPO would be from the 5th Division also. Thus when

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- from F.W. DANIEL - see Ret. # 2 page 7

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FIG. 1

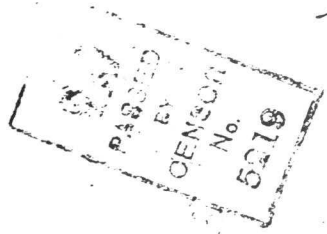
Mr Joseph Fowler
Barrister

Ludbury
Ont. Canada

FIG. 33



Mrs. S. Williams
125 St. Anne St.
Winnipeg
Canada



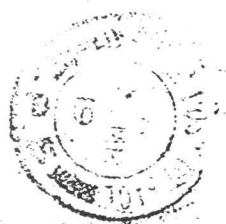
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FIG. 4

Mr. J. M. Clow
Blackpool,
England



Miss J. M. Clow,
6 Parktonite St.,
Blackpool,
England



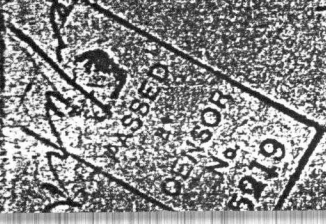
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FIG. 2

FPO DC2
A
OC 10



Miss Frances M. Clow
33 Coronation St.
Blackpool
Lancs.
England



FPO TP5
A
4 MR
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all the TI2 covers I came across in Phase V had CM6 #5219 on them, I was sure that TI2 properly belonged in the 5th Division^{*}. Last year, after reading F.W. Daniel's book, I knew I was on the right track. Just recently I acquired a correspondence which identified CM6 #5219 as 14 Bde CFA HQ and also showed the 5th Division FPO's through all Phases including five FPO TI2's in Phase V (FIG 5,6,7,8) . The letters were from Sgt. S.A. Way, 66 Bty, 14 Bde CFA to his parents in Montreal spanning the period from 1915 (Camp Petawawa) to 21 Feb/19 (TP5) and all FPO covers had CM6 #5219 on them. I feel reasonably confident that the above justifies my theory re FPO TI2 and the 5th Division Train during Phase V.

* It should be noted that CM6 #5219 can be found without a 5th Division FPO. eg: One of the covers in the Clow correspondence (FIG 3) has the CM6 # 5219 marking and an FPO T35 (1st Can Div Train) cancel in Phase VI. I believe this can be explained by the fact that the 5th Div artillery (which were Canadian Corps Troops at the time), were chosen to accompany the 1st & 2nd Divs to Germany as the Occupation Force. Because of the severe transport problems the Corps encountered the 5th Div used some of the 1st & 2nd Divs transport.

3rd Division (TX4) - Although I have not identified CM6 # 1807 and I only have three covers (FIG 9,10,11) to offer as evidence, I believe, using the same reasoning as the above in the 5th Division, that as more covers appear FPO TX4 should prove correct for this Division.

1st, 2nd, & 4th Divisions (TX2,TX3,TX) - I admit that with these Divisions I have no solid evidence and I am just speculating, but I hope to "stir the waters" based on the following reasons:

1. If TX4 is correct for the 3rd Division then I think it

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FIG. 5

Miss W. S. May
 55 Montcal Street
 Sherbrooke
 Quebec

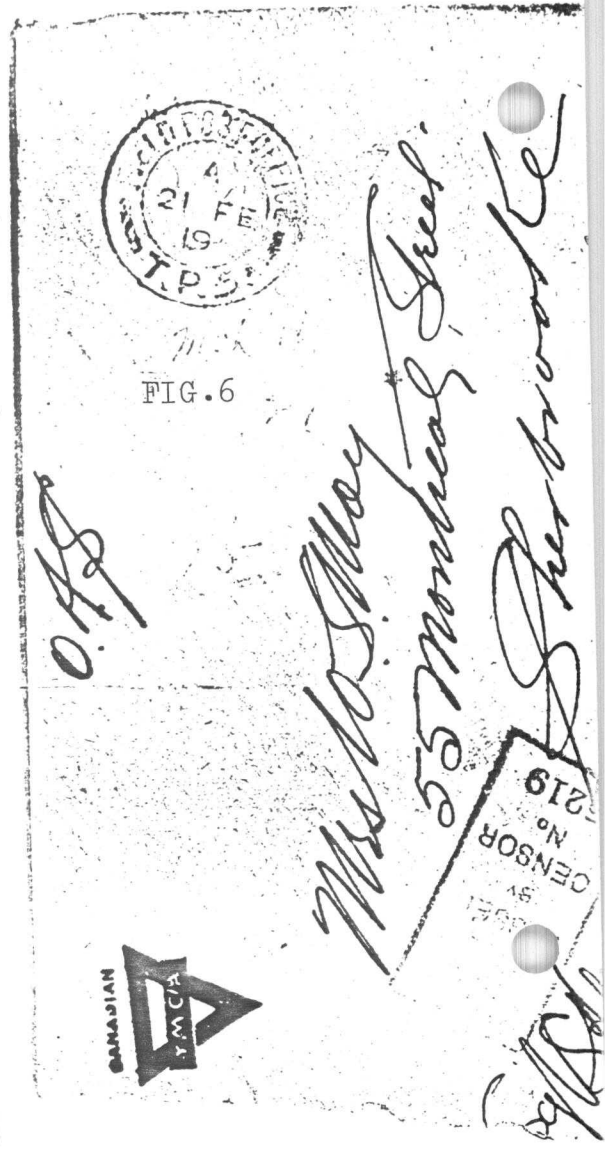
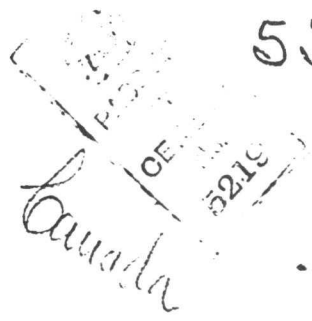
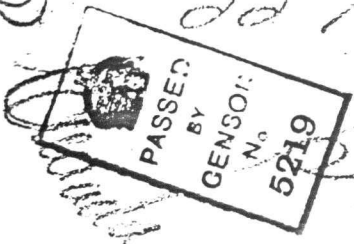


FIG. 6

O.A.S.
 Mrs W. S. May
 55 Montcal Street
 Sherbrooke
 Quebec

FIG. 7



A.P.W. 3078
 W 239/2: 1950. 4/17.
 E. & J.

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 Sherbrooke

FIG. 8

FPO DC2
 A
 AU 29
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is reasonable to assume that the TX series may have been allocated to the Canadian Trains in this Phase. If so, TX2 & TX3 may have been used by the 1st & 2nd Divs as they were in Phase I.

2. I have a TX3 cover (FIG 12) and I know of a TX2 cover (both addressed to Canada) during this Phase but unfortunately neither has any other markings on them.

3. In his book, Proud allocates TX to 16 Imp Div and TZ to 4th Can Div in this Phase but I would point out that there has been no confirmation of TZ in the CMMSG surveys.

4. I know of a TX cover addressed to Canada with CM6 # 5127 (close to 5219 !) during this Phase.

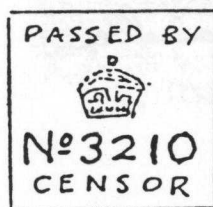
BRITISH CENSOR STAMPS 1914 - 1918.

Fig.1

Types of Censor Stamp.



(CM) 1



(CM) 2



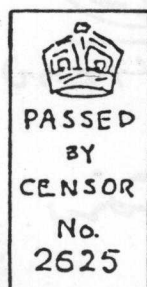
(CM) 3



(CM) 4



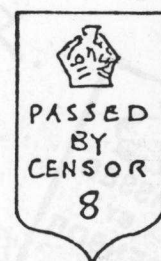
(CM) 5



(CM) 6



(CM) 7



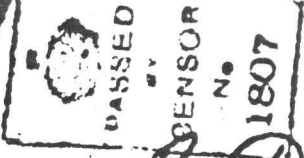
(CM) 8

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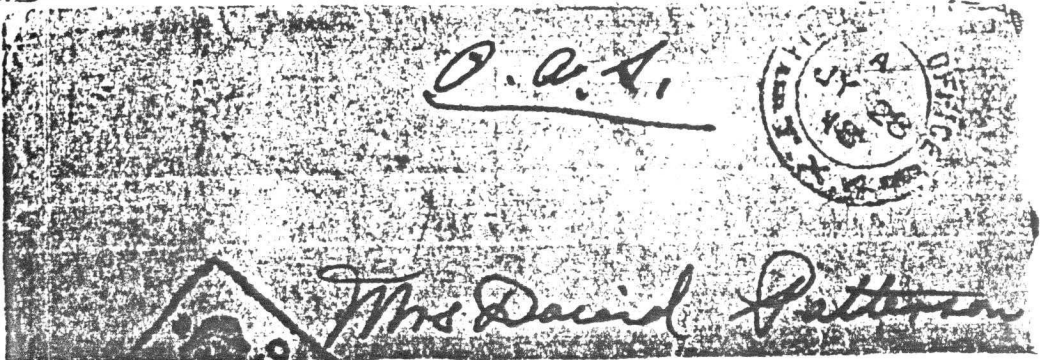
FIG. 9



Mrs David Patterson
Pembroke
Carleton County
New Brunswick
Canada

W. W. ...

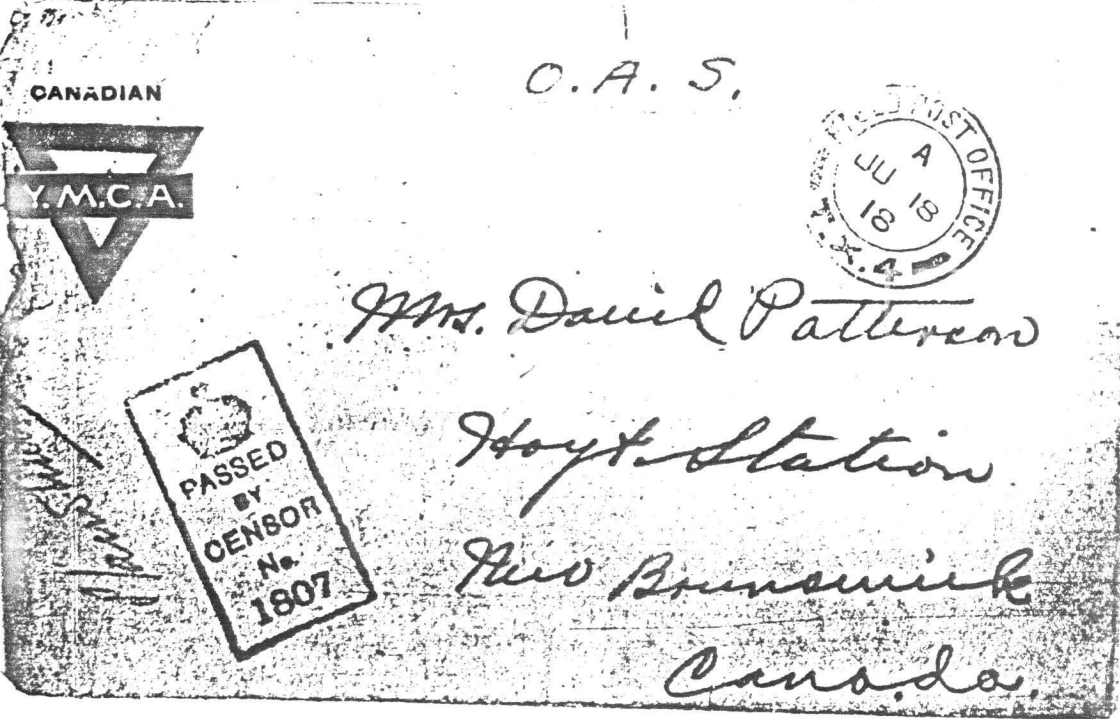
FIG. 10



O.A.S.

Mrs David Patterson

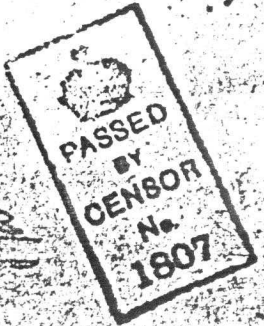
FIG. 11



O.A.S.



Mrs. David Patterson
Hoyt Station
New Brunswick
Canada



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For the last few years I have been noting all the data concerning Field Censor Markings and FPO combinations I have come across and lately have entered them on computer. I would appreciate any information concerning the above that the members of the group may have (in fact any WWI censor & FPO combinations) and in return I would be happy to do a computer search for any questions you may have re these censor markings and send you a printout of any answers I can come up with. Also, I would be pleased to hear from anyone with any arguments that conflict with the above theory I've outlined. Please write to me at P.O.Box 286, COPPER CLIFF, Ont. POM 1N0 . Thank you.

FIG. 12

A.F.W. 3074
 V. 1930. 4/17.
 F. A. & Co., Ltd.

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Address:-

Miss H P Butler

1035 Notre Dame Ave

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FPO TX3

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MR 7

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Canadian Soldiers Letter

MONTREAL P.Q.
JUL 26
5-PM
1917



Mrs W.S. Moy
55 Montreal St.
Sherbrooke
Canada
Quebec

On Active Service

Robert

SENSOR
3422



Mrs W.S. Moy
55 Montreal St.
Sherbrooke
Canada
Quebec

6228