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This month's Newsletter is devoted to several topics as follows: We have an update from Wilf Whitehouse on his CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AIR LETTERS which was first presented here in 1978. This supplement to NL #25 is, sorry to say, out of print. Inadvertantly we copied his introduction on the back of his page 1! Secondly, we have an article by Colin Campbell on CANADA MILITIA HAMMERS USED IN QUEBEC. This reprint is from CANADA 84. Thirdly, there is a page on ARMED FORCES DUPLEX POSTMARKS BY Bob Lee, Editor of the Duplex Study Group which should be of interest. Please send your updates on this direct to Bob whose address is given below.

JOE PURCELL

We have just learned of the death of one of our founding members, J. L. (Joe) Purcell, on the 16th January, 1986. Joe's passing will leave a very large gap in BNA philately. He was an active member of our group and was always ready to contribute of his knowledge. Other study groups, especially the RPO's, benefitted greatly from Joe's work. He travelled far and wide as noted by his presence at many BNAPS Conventions. This study group has expressed to Mrs. Purcell its sympathy on his passing.

CANADIAN MILITARY POSTS by Bailey and Toop.

The new book we have been promised for some time has finally arrived! It is hard cover with 269 pages. The publishing details are:
THE CANADIAN MILITARY POSTS, Volume 1, Colonial Period to 1919.
by W. J. Bailey and E. R. Toop.

Both authors are members of our study group. The book is edited by Edward B. Proud, and, we presume, printed in England as are other volumes in Proud's series. It is listed as available in Canada and the US from:

- F.E.Eaton and Sons, 960 Richards Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 3C1
- G.S.Wegg Ltd. 36 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ont., M5C 2N8
- W.G.Bogg, 643 5th Ave., South Naples, Florida, 33940
- R.Koerber, 605 Northland Towers, West Southfield, Mich, 48075
- G.Alevizos 1020-2716 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica, Calif. 90405.

Bob Lee of Box 937, Vernon, BC, V1T 6M8 has the book available for \$44 Can. or \$35 US, Post Paid by First Class.

This book is a great step forward in putting together Canada's military-postal history. As noted in the title, it deals in varying degrees with events from the French regime, through the Boer War, and the Great War of 1914-18.

The first five chapters of the book deal with the history and the latter nine chapters with the postal markings. Many excellent illustrations are included. It is a worthy book and the authors are to be commended for this needed work. We will look for the next volume!

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ARMED FORCES DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS

CAT' No.	POST OFFICE	TYPE	SIZE	PROOF DATE	E.R.D.	L.R.D.	T.M.'s	REMARKS
DAF-	TERRACE M.P.O. 1109/B.C.	II 07	23mm	1943/04/15	1943/05/12	1945/01/10	PM	
DAF-	C.A.P.O. 10 (GOOSE BAY)	II 07	23.5mm	1943/02/17	1943/03/01	1943/08/15	PM	
DAF-	FORT CHURCHILL MPD 1015/ MAN.	II Q7	23mm	1948/04/28	1949/03/12	1952/11/16	AM, BLANK	
DAF-	R.C.A.F. STATION GIMLI/ MAN.	II S7	23mm	1953/03/12	1955/06/11	1965/01/15	BLANK	
DAF-	RIVERS M.P.O. 1006/MAN.	II 07	24mm	1943/11/10	1943/11/17	1945/08/11	AM, PM	
DAF-	RIVERS M.P.O. 1006/MAN.	II Q7	23mm	1949/08/27				
DAF-	RIVERS CAMP./MAN.	II Q7	23mm	1950/05/23	1951/10/02	1963/06/05	BLANK	
DAF-	SHILO M.P.O. 1001/MAN.	II N7	23.5mm	1943/01/06	1943/03/30	1951/07/24	BLANK	
DAF-	SHILO CAMP./MAN.	II Q7	23mm	1951/12/17	1952/10/15		BLANK	
DAF-	SOURIS M.P.O. 1008/MAN.	II 07	24mm	1943/11/10	1943/12/11	1945/04/10	BLANK	LAST DAY OF USE
DAF-	MONCTON M.P.O. 705/N.B.	II 07	23.5mm	1942/07/18	1942/09/09	1945/05/05	AM, PM	
DAF-	DARTMOUTH MPD 602/N.S.	II 07	23mm	1942/07/27	1944/02/15	1945/10/09	AM	
DAF-	F.M.O. HALIFAX/N.S.	II R7	23.5mm	1956/10/31				
DAF-	R.C.A.F. STATION/ CENTRALIA	II P7	23mm	1954/09/29	1955/04/19	1961/10/06	AM, PM	
DAF-	R.C.A.F. STATION/ CENTRALIA	II R7	23mm	1962/06/01	1963/05/10	1963/11/08	PM	
DAF-	R.C.A.F. STATION/ CENTRALIA	II R7	?	1962/06/26				
DAF-	N.P.O./317 (OTTAWA)	II 07	23.5mm	1943/05/25	1943/06/23	1945/11/30	AM, PM	
DAF-	ST. THOMAS MPD 101/ONT.	II 07	24mm	1941/10/04	1941/10/28	1945/05/17	AM, PM	
DAF-	TRENTON MPD 303/ONT.	II 07	23.5mm	1941/07/24	1941/10/16		BLANK	
DAF-	MILITARY POST OFFICE/ No 501 (VALCARTIER)	II 07	23mm	1940/11/14	1940/11/22	1941/04/17	BLANK	
DAF-	VALCARTIER-M.P.O. 501/ P.Q.	II 07	23.5mm	1941/04/25	1941/05/05	1945/10/16	AM, PM, BLANK	
DAF-	R.C.A.F. STATION- SASKATOON	II Q7	23mm	1953/02/27	1953/06/09	1953/07/20	PM	
DAF-	??	II 07	23mm	N.I.P.B.	1943/06/03	1943/12/24	23	WARTIME BLACKOUT, 1943/ 12/24 HAS HALIFAX RETURN ADDRESS ON BACK.
DAF-	??	II 07	23mm	1942/12/04				1943/08/13 ON LIVERPOOL/ N.S. VIEWCARD.
DAF-	??	II 07	23mm	1944/05/15				

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Canada militia postal hammers used in Quebec

by J. Colin Campbell



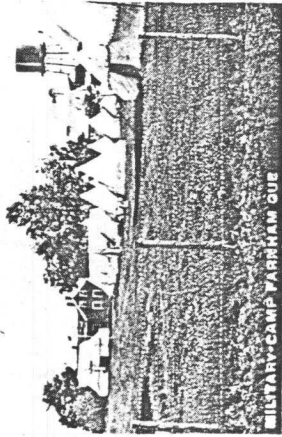
Trois Rivières Camp
proof strike
courtesy

National Postal Museum

This type of hammer was designed in 1909 for use in the field post offices set up at Canada Militia summer training camps.

Farnham Camp and Trois-Rivières Camp

A Canadian Postal Corps was formed on May 3, 1911 and on June 3, two postal hammers were proofed, one for use at Farnham Camp and the other for the camp at Trois-Rivières. The earliest date of usage of the Farnham hammer is June 17, 1911 and the latest June 21, 1913. Very few cancels however are known to exist. Only one cancel from Trois-Rivières seems to have survived and it was struck in June or July 1914.



Card posted July 19, 1912.

O. H. M. S.

*James Rivie
5-17 Jarvis St
Toronto*

Mil. Form B. 201.
100 ml. - 2-10.
H. Q. 1172 23-95.



Enlargement of the cancellation

Levis Camp

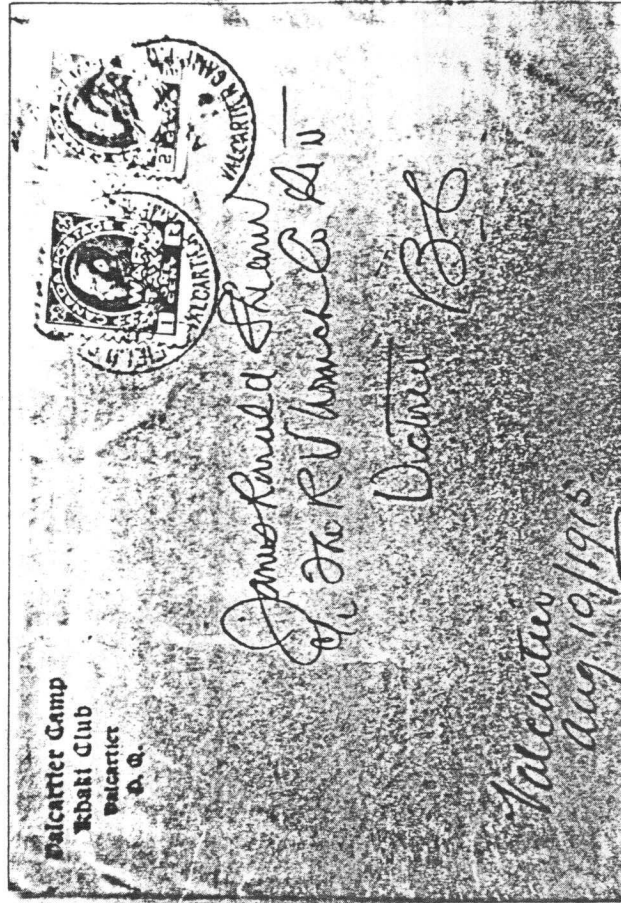
On May 14, 1912 one hammer was proofed for use at Levis Camp and a small quantity of cancels are known in collections today. The earliest date of usage recorded is June 9, 1913 with June 6, 1918 the latest known.



Reproduction of proof strike from the postal records at the postal museum; note the proof date of 3 June 1911.

Valcartier Camp

Valcartier Camp, 30 kilometers from Quebec City, began building August 8, 1914 and became the principal mobilization point for troops (some 30,000 in the First Contingent alone) destined for service in the Canadian Expeditionary Force overseas. A field post office was required to serve the camp and a small detachment of Corps personnel arrived late in August. Three postal hammers were made and proofed August 13,



Posted at Valcartier Camp, P. Q. Cancel dated AU 11 15. Courtesy B. C. Plain.

September 5 and September 16, 1914. A fourth hammer made its appearance but no proofing date has been established. Present day records show some 50 cancels reported from three of these hammers with the earliest date being August 21, 1914 and the latest July 29, 1939.



Reproduction of proof strike from the postal records at the postal museum; note the proof date of 2 aug. 1918.

St. Jean Camp

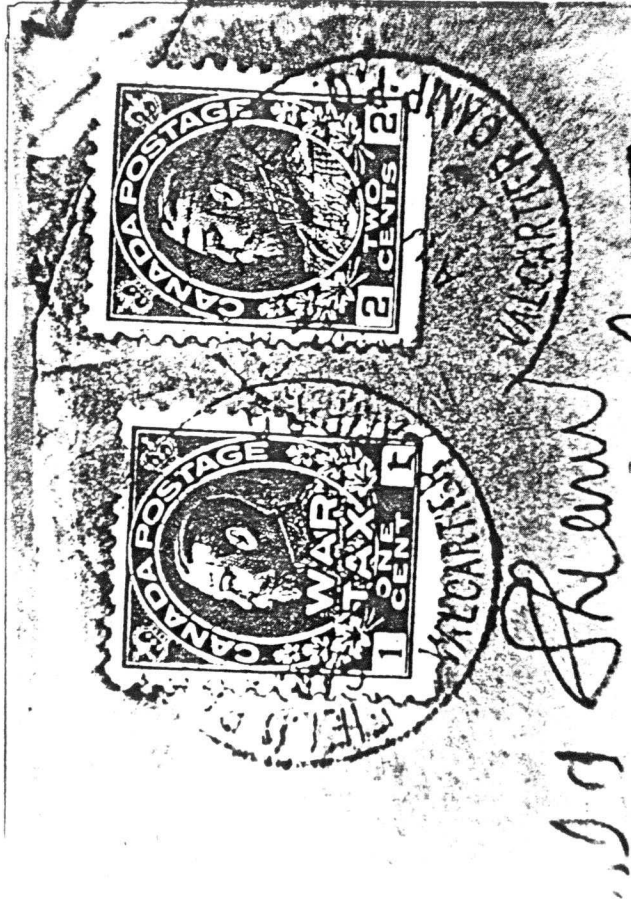
The end of World War One was in sight when, on August 2, 1918, a hammer was proofed for use at St. Jean, P.Q., cavalry camp. In this case August 26 is the earliest date of usage on record while November 8, 1918 is the latest known. The limited number of cancels reported make this a difficult item to add to a military collection. On June 21, 1929 a second St. Jean hammer of the Canada Militia type was proofed but no cancellations are on record at this time.

References:

1. Photocopies of proof strikes from National Postal Museum - Ottawa.
2. Canada Militia Surveys (1971) - Usage dates and quantities - private survey by author of this article.
3. Canada in the Great World War - United Publishers of Canada - 1921 various volumes.

Any new discoveries or extended usages may be notified to:

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Kelowna, B.C.,
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Enlargement of the cancellations.

POST CARD.

Name and Address.

Miss Cora Goodin
Canterbury
Via. Burye
Que.

Writing Space.
June 4th

Hello Cora,
How did you get over the dance. We arrived here about six o'clock. We got settled down before dark. We had a little rain here today. See ever, your friend C. N. B. Military Camp. P. Q. Valcartier, P. Q.

Levis Camp Que.
9 June 1914

Illustrations may vary in size from the originals due to photocopying and are not suitable for size comparison.

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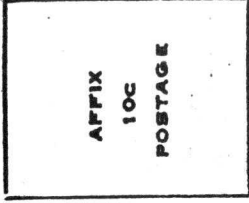
New information requires changes be made in the numbering of the P.O.W. forms in the Canadian Armed Forces Airletter "CHECKLIST" provided on request to members in 1978.

There have been reports that other varieties exist other than those indicated in these new Type 8 sheets. None of the reported items have been confirmed, but should they exist, this new numbering should facilitate them.

Perhaps members would be good enough to check their holdings of these P.O.W. forms in search of:-

- (a) an example where the line in the Title ends under "WAR"
- (b) a 3 line watermark indicating the paper was made in Canada, or any other watermark.

PRISONER OF WAR POST
 KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST
 SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE



RANK & NAME:
 (CAPITAL LETTERS)

.....PRISONER OF WAR
 (BRITISH OR CANADIAN, ETC.)

PRISONER OF WAR NO.
 (SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

CAMP NAME & NO.
 (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY
 NUMBERING OR LETTERING
 IF ANY-E.G. WORKING CAMP)

COUNTRY:

Title: PRISONER OF WAR POST

Paper: White with dark blue printing

Printed: In Canada

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

Watermarks: "A" -

"B" -

"C" - No watermark

Number	Issued	Postage Details	Address lines	Title	Box	Wmk	Identification remarks
8	1942	AFFIX 10c POSTAGE	dotted			C	Address lines - 37 dots per inch Period after "No"
8A	"	"	"			C	Address lines - 37 dots per inch Now a Colon after "No"
8A1	"	"	"			C	Address lines - now 25 dots per inch Period after "No"

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PRISONER OF WAR POST
 KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST
 SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

BY AIR MAIL
 PAR AVION

POSTAGE
 10¢
 AFFIX

RANK & NAME:
 (CAPITAL LETTERS)

PRISONER OF WAR
 (BRITISH OR CANADIAN, ETC.)

PRISONER OF WAR NO:
 (SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

CAMP NAME & NO.
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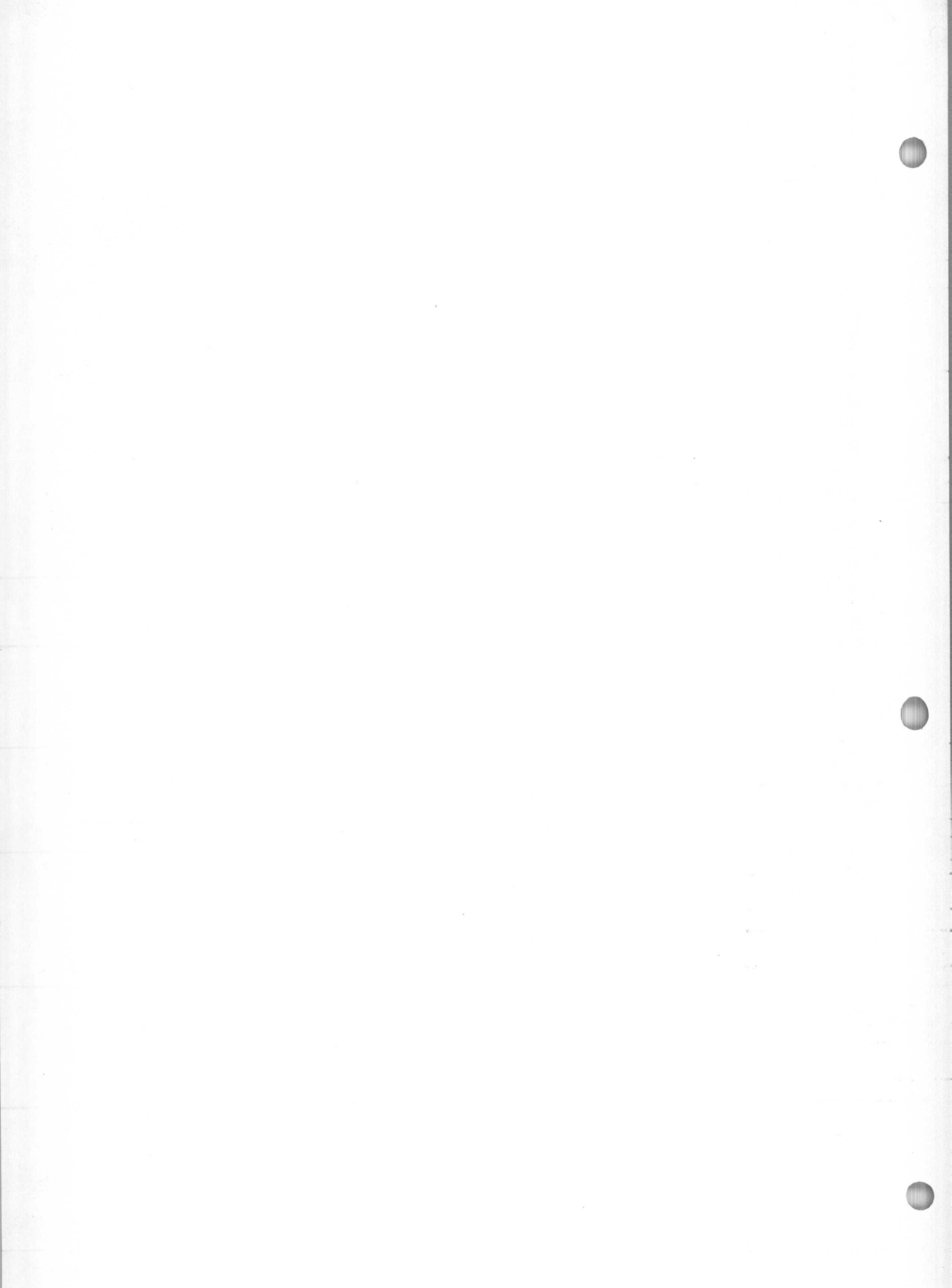
COUNTRY:

Title: PRISONER OF WAR POST
 Paper: White with dark blue printing
 Printed: In Canada

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

Watermark: "A" -
 "B" -
 "C" - No watermark

Number	Issued	Postage details	Address lines	Title	Box	Wmk	Identification remarks
	1942 ?	POSTAGE 10¢ AFFIX	Dotted			C	Address lines - 37 dots per inch No Colon after "Camp Name & No"



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nted: In Canada

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

ermarks: "A" -

"B" -

"C" - No watermark

Issued	Postage details	Address lines	Title	Box	Wmk	Identification remarks
1942 ?	AFFIX POSTAGE HERE	Dotted			C	Address lines - 18 dots per inch Period after "No"

