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BNAPEX CHARLOTTETOWN

Another BNAPEX has come and gone, and from reports reaching us 'it was great'.

Special thanks go to Ritch Toop for putting on the Study Group program this year. Ritch made a great effort this time and had slides made of his exhibit pertaining to the Internment and P.O.W. Camps. Thanks also go to Bill Robinson for his part in the meeting.

It seems there were only seven at the Seminar and this was perhaps because there were two more meetings on at the same time. Often people like to attend the different groups and the competition must have depleted our attendance.

Over and above all this, we hear the lobster was excellent!

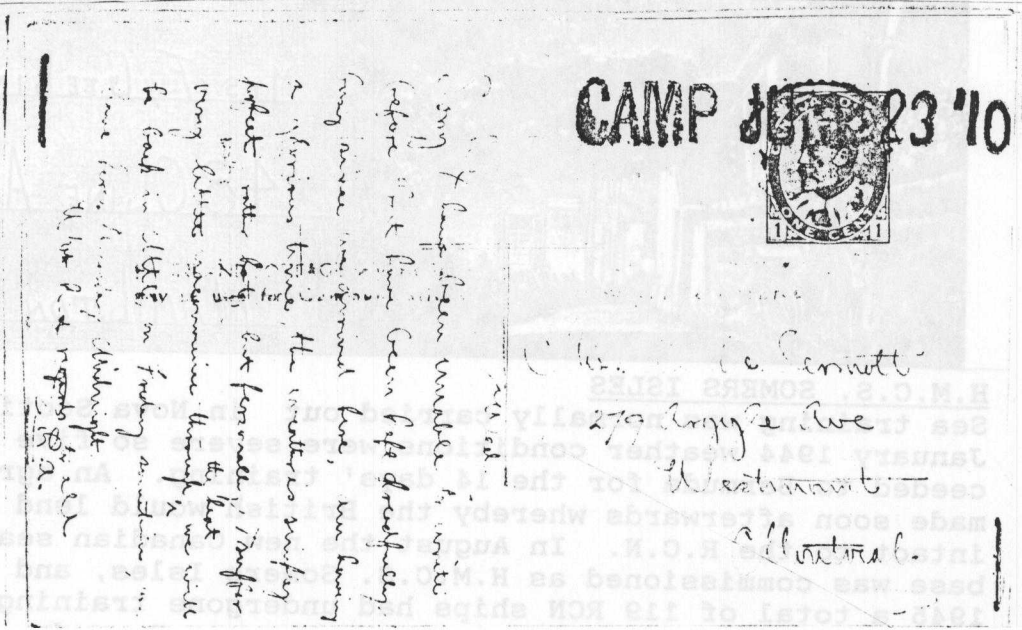
STRAIGHTLINE CANCELLATION

From Colin Campbell comes this item which we have had on hand for some time!

"It must be 20 years ago since this photocopy was received from an ardent military mail collector. It may be a unique item, a one of a kind cancel, but nevertheless, it is worth entering into the record even at this late date. Readers should be aware of this item in case another is found.

The picture on the front of the card was of, quote. MILITARY CAMP FARNHAM, QUE. It shows tent lines. The cancel reads ..CAMP JUNE 23 '10. The part circle which cancels the stamp reads, simply, FARN. It is thought at the time when this photocopy was received that the straightline marking was a 'stray' marking which should have landed on a package, or whatever, and that the postcard just happened to get in the way.

Watch for this item next time you are going through that unpicked shoebox of goodies."



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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Thanks go to Colin Campbell for doing N/L 75 in its entirety. 2. Colin's work was a great help to your so-called editor at a busy time of the year.

For the future we have a promise from Bill Bailey to do an issue in the spring. Ritch Toop has also been contacted with this in mind. How about some others stepping forward! All you have to do is send me the copy- it will be duplicated and mailed from here. Failing this input, this Newsletter may not come out so regularly.

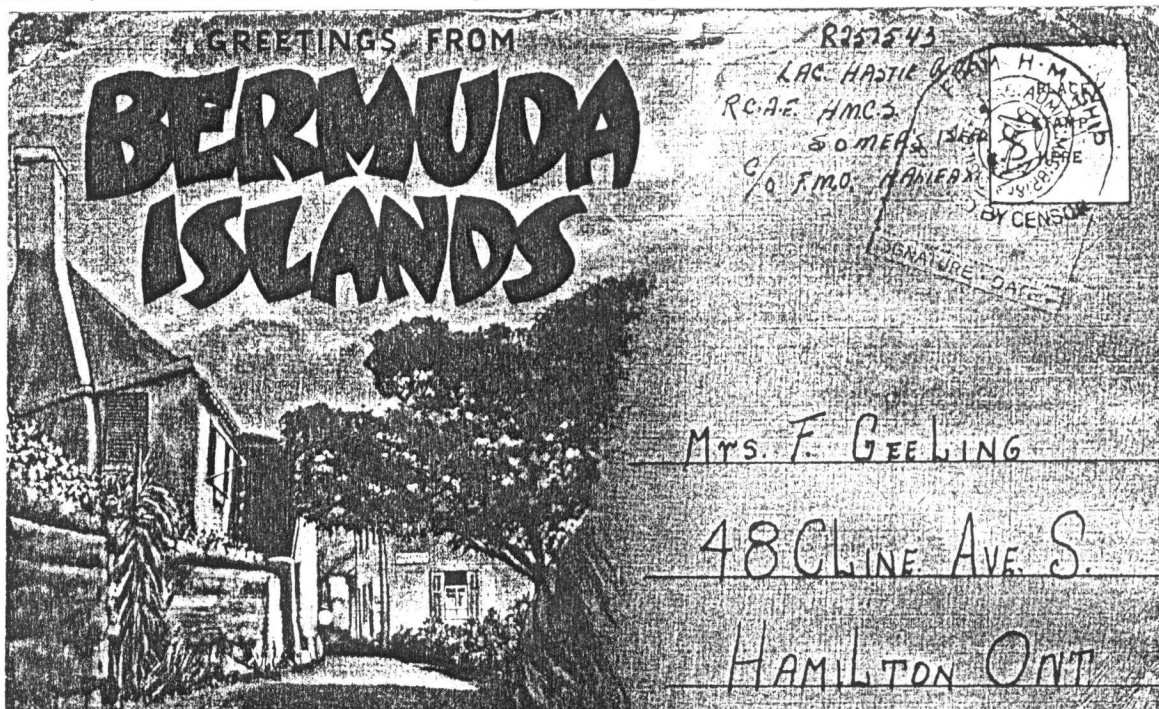
CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters have recently come in, and by chance, both are from Germany.

One, from Peter R. Hornung, PO Box 1367, D6904 Eppelheim, West Germany says he would like to trade, or buy, foreign military mail covers from Germany after WW II, including Canadian Military Mail. He got our name from our member L.D. Mayo's auction catalog.

The second letter is from Walter W. Wagener, Heidebroich (?) St. 19, D5042, Erftstadt 1, Germany. His interest is in the United Nations Peace Keeping Operations as well as the Korean War.

The second letter above reminds me of the show at Calgary on 9-10-11 October (Caltapex) wherein there was a nice exhibit of UN Peace Keeping covers by John Van Staden of Box 604, Station J, Calgary, Alta, T2A 4X8. John is in the process of joining BNAPS, and would like to join our group.

H.M.C.S. SOMERS ISLES

Sea training was normally carried out in Nova Scotia but in January 1944 weather conditions were severe so five ships proceeded to Bermuda for the 14 days' training. An agreement was made soon afterwards whereby the British would lend their base intact to the R.C.N. In August the new Canadian sea-training base was commissioned as H.M.C.S. Somers Isles, and by May 1945 a total of 119 RCN ships had undergone training there. This cover from an RCAF man at the base in Bermuda. Cover courtesy Bill Robinson, Information from Naval Service of Canada, Vol. 2, D.N.D. 1952.

A WWI C.A.M.C. FIRST DAY COVER ?

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by JOHN FRITH

I came across this cover in a dealer's box at our local show last March and because the address intrigued me, I purchased it and put it in a book with other C.A.M.C. covers to be "researched" later. It wasn't until lately as I went to "write up" the cover that I realized the significance of it.

Sir Andrew Macphail in his book "THE MEDICAL SERVICES" records the operations dates for No.4 Canadian General Hospital, while located at Shorncliffe, as 5-9-15 to 15-10-15. This was the first Overseas location of the hospital and it subsequently served in Salonika and Kalamaria before returning to the U.K. at Basingstoke, 18-9-17.

The date on the reverse of the card (FIG 2) is written May 28, 1915 and the date in the Shorncliffe hammer is the same, with the time-mark 9:PM. Comparing the dates with Macphail's gives what I call a "really nifty" item !! Not only is it written from the hospital on the first day of operation overseas, but the return address (FIG 1) is the C.A.M.C.equivalent of a "manuscript" Orderly Room handstamp as there would hardly have been time to manufacture the rubber one !!

One question that I have is what type of rubber handstamp No 4 CGH used while at Shorncliffe ? Was it the large oval MILITARY HOSPITAL/SHORNCIFFE with Orderly Room inside or did it have one with No 4 CGH on it ? Of course this would be different than the two types used at Basingstoke after the hospital returned from Salonika in 1917. If anyone has an example could they please send a photocopy to the editor for a future newsletter or hopefully ! if anyone has a spare example, I would most certainly be an interested buyer !!

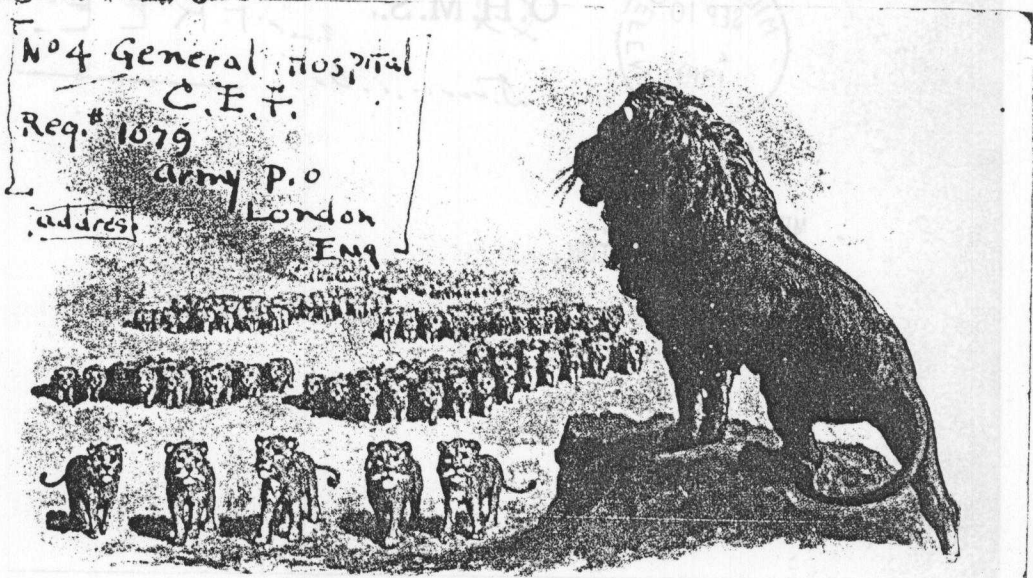


Figure 1.

Responding to the Call.

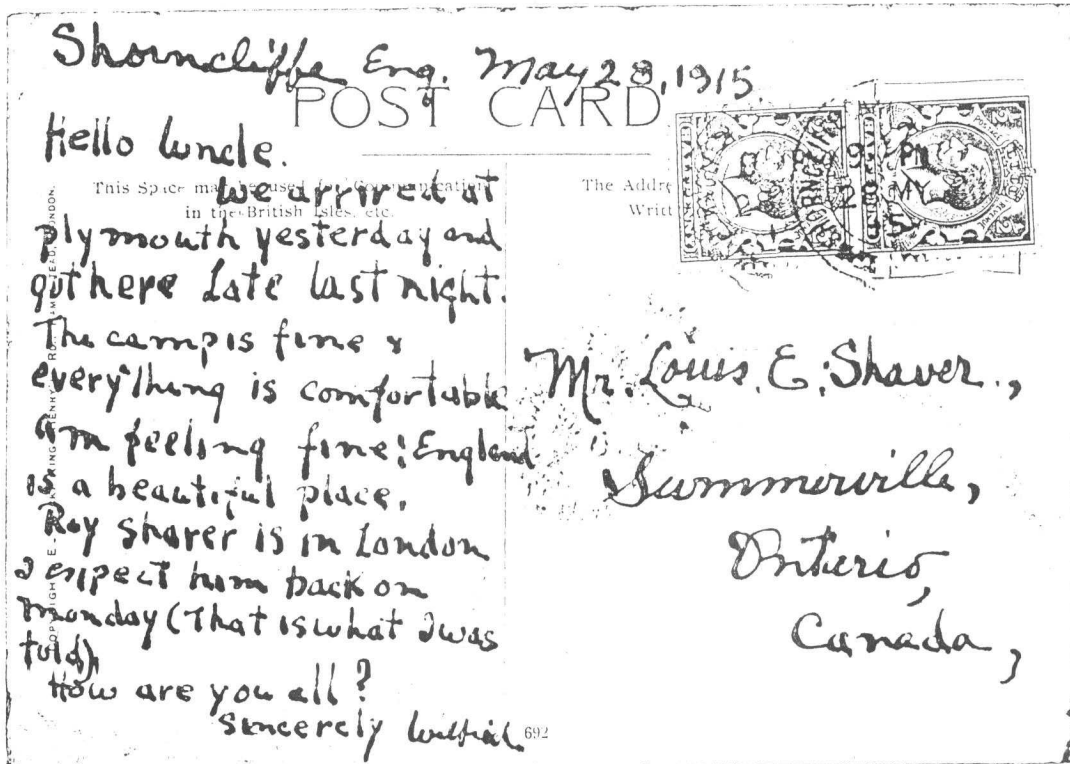


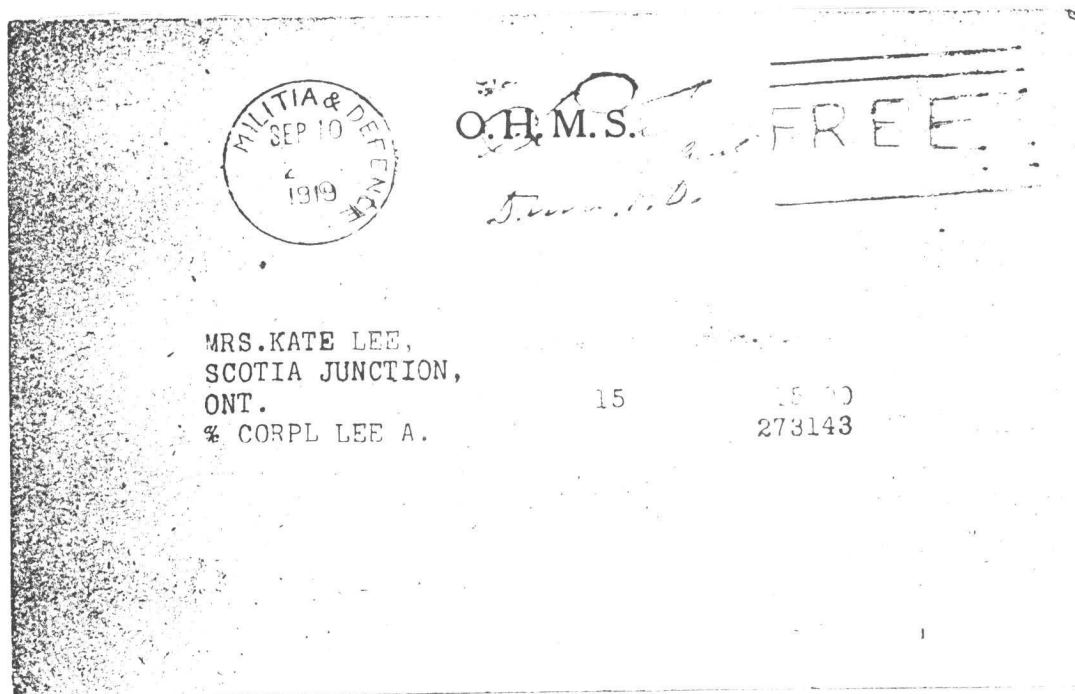
Figure 2

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

This machine FREE franking cancel may not be something 'new' but how many have seen it? No mention of it seems to have been made by Ken Barlow in his earlier work on the machine cancellations.

It is a rather interesting item because it was used in a machine so this takes it out of the class of simply another Militia and Defence handstamp.

Submitted (some time ago) by Colin Campbell.



Further to CMMSG NEWSLETTER VOL 44 item 374. I have recently added some covers to my collection which should be added to the above as follows:

FIG 1 - CANADIAN CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL/ \* \*/ BROMLEY, KENT - This is listed in "THE MEDICAL SERVICES" as BROMLEY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, BROMLEY as open 20-4-15 to 31-8-18.

FIG 2 - CANADIAN CONVALESCENT OFFICERS' HOSPITAL/ MATLOCK BATH/ ORDERLY ROOM/ \* - From the same book listed as OFFICERS' CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, MATLOCK BATH and open 5-3-18 to 12-9-19.

FIG 3 - CANADIAN RED CROSS OFFICERS' HOSPITAL/ 17, NORTH AUDLEY ST. W.1/ \* LONDON \* . - Not listed in "THE MEDICAL SERVICES".

FIG 4 - CANADIAN CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL/ \* \*/ ORDERLY ROOM/ (inside) CLARENCE HOUSE/ (date)/ ???THAMPTON. - This may be PERKINS BULL HOSPITAL, PUTNEY HEATH, listed in "THE MEDICAL SERVICES" as a minor hospital for officers only as the card is postmarked PUTNEY S.W.15.

The following are additional or improved strikes to those shown in item 374 and VOL 46 - item 394:

FIG 5 - NO 12 CAN. GENERAL HOSPITAL/ BRAMSHOTT.

FIG 6 - MILITARY HOSPITAL/ \* \*/ BRAMSHOTT.

\* FIG 7 - Lightly struck in purple and doesn't photocopy well but reads ONTARIO MILITARY/ \* HOSPITAL \* / (inside) DATE/ ORDERLY ROOM.

FIG 8 - This clearer strike shows that the inside of this ONTARIO MILITARY HOSPITAL stamp reads P.O./ DATE/ Dept. .

\* FIG 9 - Lightly struck but reads - \* GRANVILLE CANADIAN SPECIAL HOSPITAL \*/ BUXTON./ (inside) POST/ DATE/ OFFICE .

FIG 10 - GRANVILLE CANADIAN SPECIAL HOSPITAL/ \* \*/ PALACE ANNEX./ (inside) POST/ DATE/ OFFICE.

\* - Not shown here.

Can anyone confirm the location of the CANADIAN CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL/ CLARENCE HOUSE in FIG 4 ?

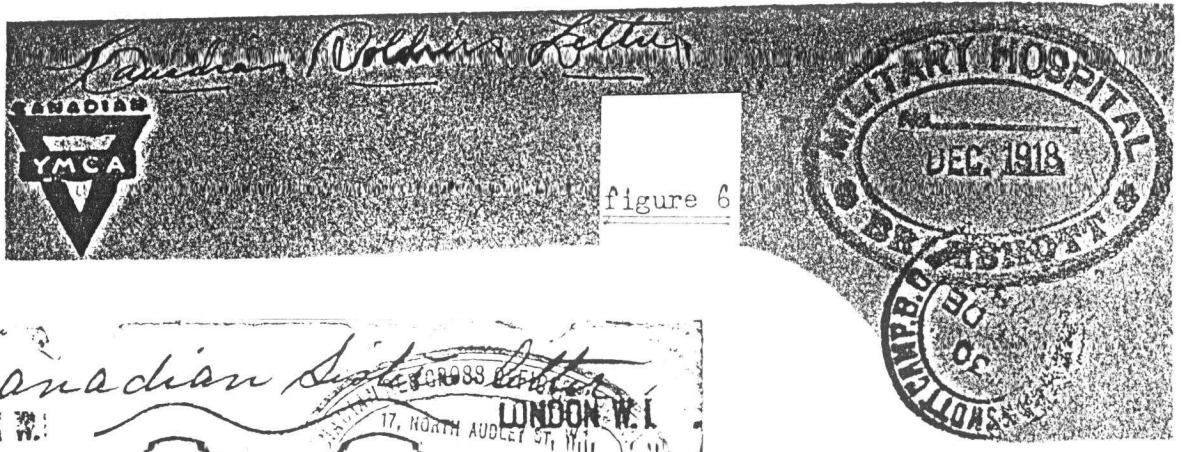
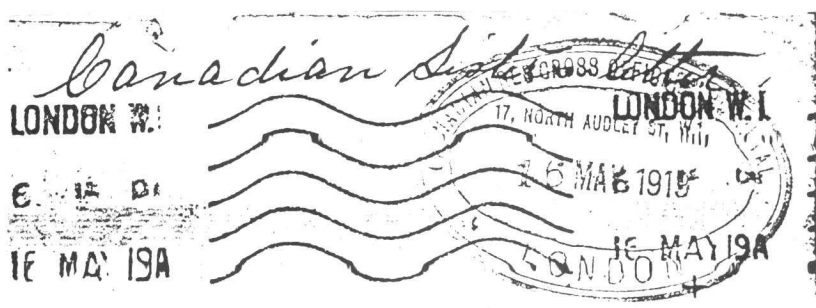


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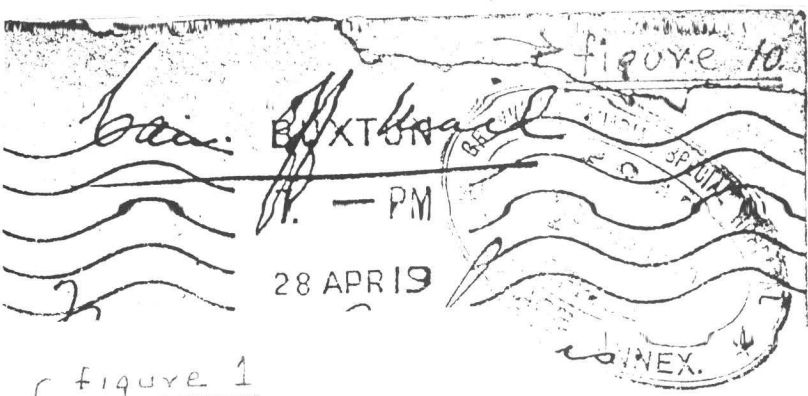


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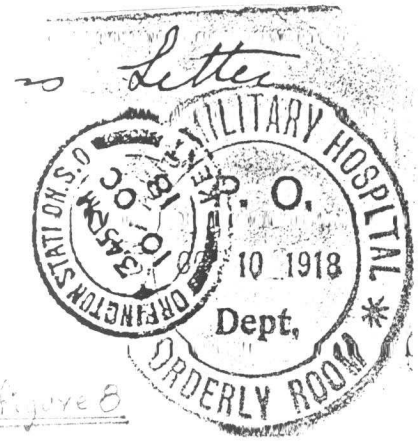


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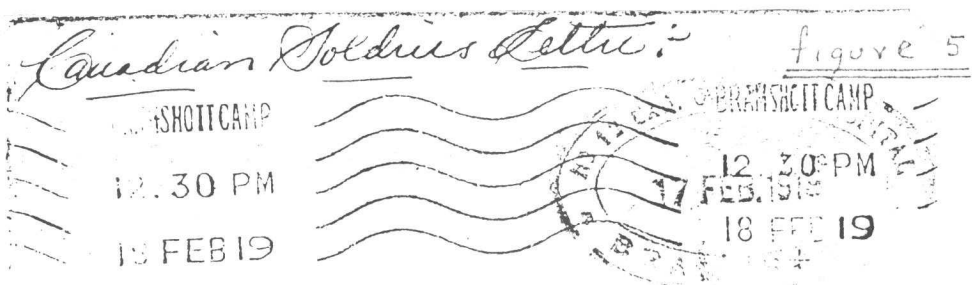


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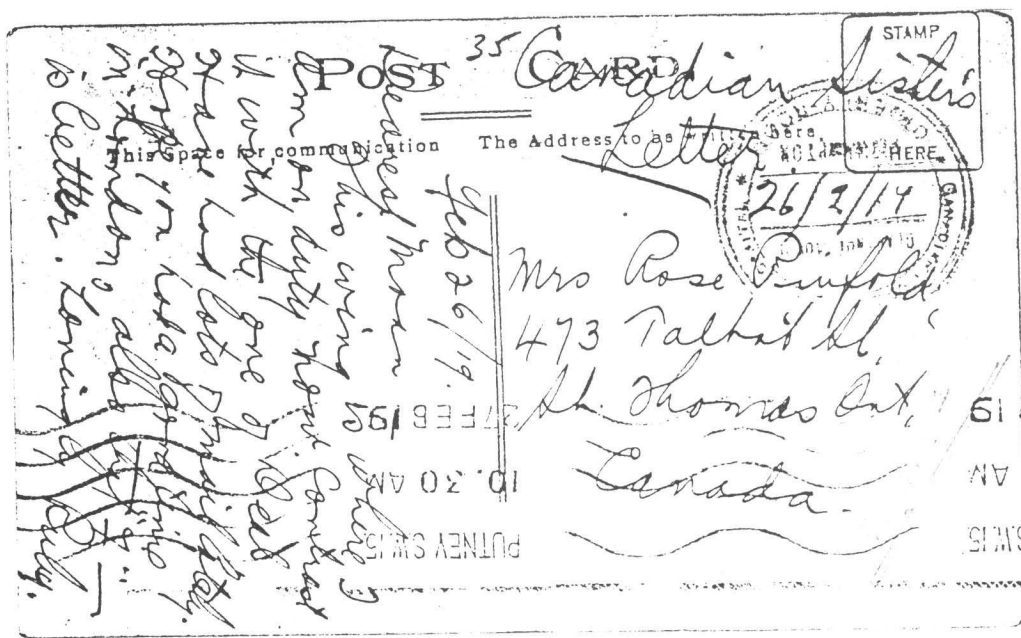


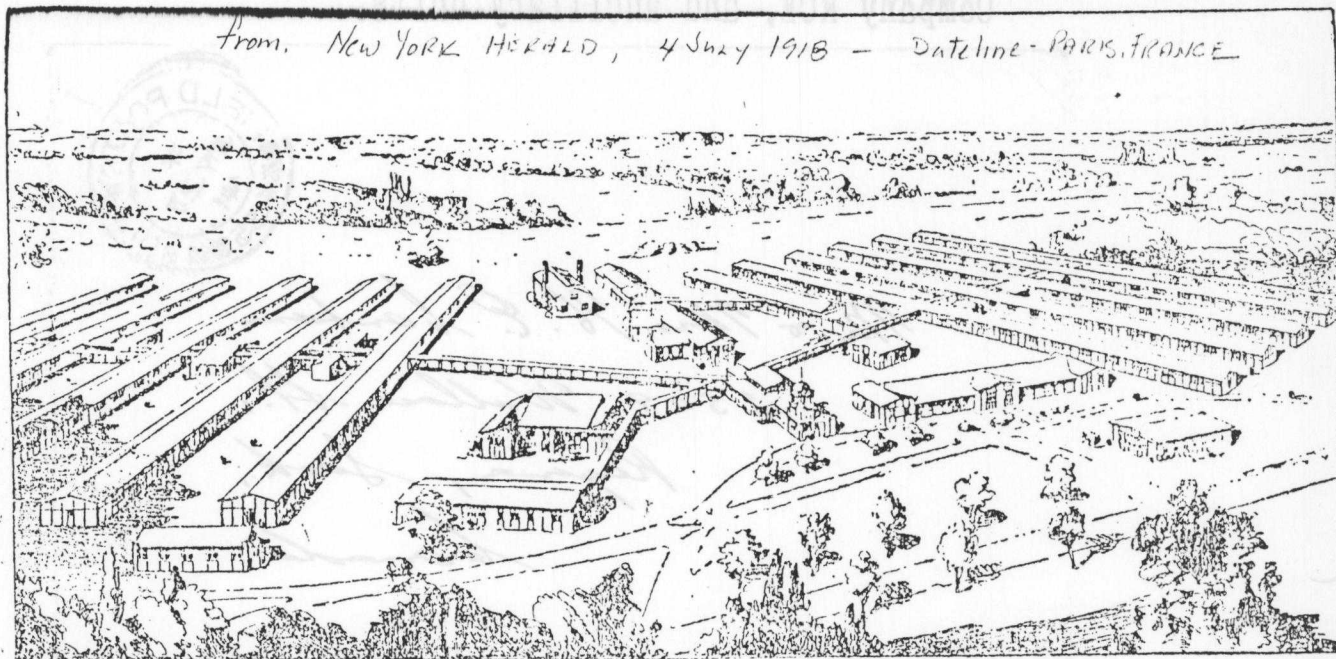
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**NEW FIND**

Whilst in Calgary at the above mentioned show we were shown an unusual piece to complement the Souvenir Card issued at the opening of the first Field Post Office in Canada at Niagara Camp on 16 June 1909. While not a completely 'new' find, it is the first we have seen. The owner, also a 'new owner', of this item assures us that he will write it up for the (next) newsletter.

**PRESIDENT POINCARÉ FORMALLY ACCEPTS  
THE CANADIAN HOSPITAL, GIFT TO FRANCE**



*From New York Herald, 4 July 1918 - Dateline - PARIS, FRANCE*

**NEW CANADIAN HOSPITAL.**

**Sir Robert Borden Makes Presentation—Premier Sends Message Through "Herald."**

The hospital given by the Canadian Red Cross Society to the French people at Joinville-le-Pont, was formally handed over to the donees yesterday with interesting ceremony.

This edifice, which has been under construction for about two years and was designed by Major Skipper, architect, of the Canadian Army Medical Service, is constructed of asbestos board and is thoroughly equipped with every modern appliance. The delay in its construction has been due to the many difficulties occasioned by the war.

It will accommodate nearly 600 patients, and is so built that additional accommodation can easily be provided.

Colonel Noel Marshall, president of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and also Mr. Dunston, president of the Toronto branch of that society, were present, and the formal presentation was made by Sir Robert Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada, to the President of the French Republic.

In making the presentation, Sir Robert Borden stated that the gift was made on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross

Society and the people of Canada, in testimony of their admiration for the superb effort and magnificent heroism of France in this war.

M. Poincaré expressed his grateful acknowledgments on behalf of the French people as well as his personal gratitude for the aid which Canada has in so many ways given to France in this war.

Among those present were Lord Derby, British Ambassador; Mr. Philippe Roy, General Commissioner for Canada, and many prominent British, French and American officials.

After the presentation the President of the French Republic went through each ward of the hospital, the personnel of which is entirely Canadian. Although the hospital was not formally opened until yesterday, several patients have been already received.

At the conclusion of his tour through the various wards the officers of the hospital and the nurses were presented to M. Poincaré, who received them most cordially.

**Sir R. Borden's Message.**

Asked to send a message to America and Canada through the HERALD, Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, said:—

"It was my privilege to-day to offer to the French nation, through the President of the Republic, a new hospital

as one more testimony of the admiration of the Canadian people for the unsurpassed heroism and courage of the French people in this war.

"It is the latest, but by no means the least, of many instances in which our people have sought to bring aid and comfort to the French people. In connection with this celebration I had the privilege of meeting representatives of the American Red Cross Society, which is carrying on a splendid work of usefulness on both sides of the Atlantic.

"Since the United States entered into this war, some fifteen months ago, there has been perfect unity of purpose and of action between that great country and our Dominion. The American Red Cross Society, not long ago, evidenced its appreciation of the sister society, in Canada, by a most notable and generous gift. Canada has sent 400,000 men across the Atlantic, and from both countries men will continue to come, inspired by the same spirit to fight in the same great cause.

"To-morrow Canadians will join their kinsmen of the sister commonwealth in celebrating the anniversary of the American Republic's nationhood, and that anniversary will be celebrated throughout France with unbounded enthusiasm and in the supreme confidence that the vast power of the great Western Republic will make itself felt with decisive results in the not distant future."

Courtesy - Bill Robinson

C A N A D A

## Military Mail

World War II Overseas

FIELD POST OFFICE C.5

This Field Post Office served the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Division - consisting of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, Le Regiment de Maisonneuve, the Calgary Highlanders, 5th Field Regiment RCA, 2nd Field Company RCE, and ancillary units.



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Most mail from this formation carries the double-ring circular date stamp of Field Post Office 435, but occasionally a 36mm rubber cds appears with "C 5" designation, as here. This cover mailed from England on May 27, 1941, shows both markings. Such examples are rare.

*From Wm. C. Hobbs*