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MODERN ROPE CANCELLATIONS OF THE MILITARY

From Dave Hanes: Three samples of the Modern Day "Rope" cancel from M.P.O. 555 at Canadian Forces Base Calgary show each one to be different! The earlier one is dated May 10, 1982. Note that the lettering is medium sized and the inscription around the bottom is CFB CALGARY ALTA. T3E 1T8. The second one, in time, is dated April 3, 1988 and here the lettering appears smaller and the province is abbreviated as AB! The third copy is dated October 4, 1989 with the lettering being larger than the other two and there is no provincial designation. (For ease of showing, only the marks are shown here.)



CORRESPONDENCE A letter, in French, came from HENRI SMETS, Rue Trieu Kaisin, 207 / B6080 Montignies-S-SBRF / Belgium who seeks United Nations Peacekeeping material, exchange or purchase, as follows: Korea 1950-55 Congo 1960-65 He is interested in the Canadian participation and says he can trade like items from the Belgian UN Forces.

NEW EDITOR

BACK TO SQUARE 0!

Your Chairman and Editor thought they had 'found' a great new editor for the CMMMSG. This was not to be as the member concerned has had to withdraw due to medical complications. We wish him well, and extend thanks for his earlier offer.

Now the search for a new editor must go on and any suggestions or offers to do the 'job' would be most appreciated. All offers will be considered, and don't wait until the last minute and have the Newsletter on the brink of extinction!

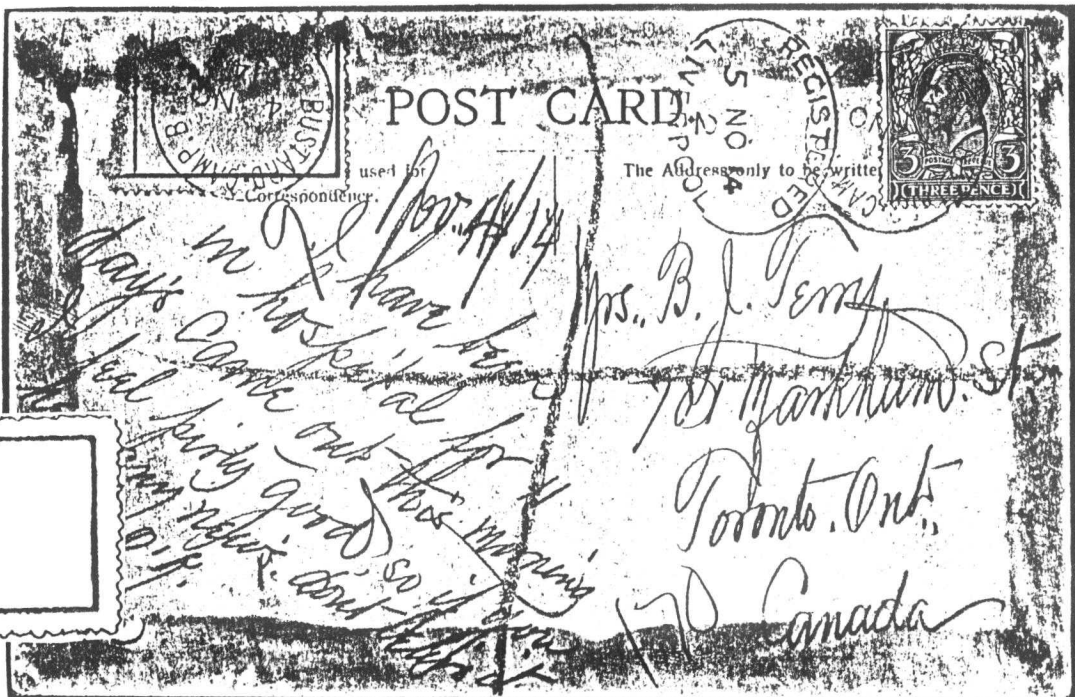
>>>Contact Ritch Toop at Box 9026, Sta. T, Ottawa, K1G 3T8<<<<

A REGISTERED / MILITARY POST CARD

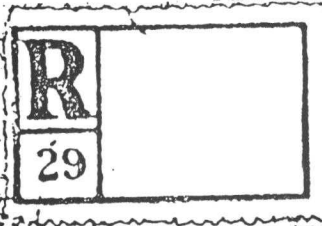
By J. Colin Campbell.

Registered post cards are seldom seen. At one point, in Canada, registration of cards was officially forbidden. No doubt the regulations in England were similar.

The illustration shows a card posted at BUSTARD CAMP B.O. (Branch Office), SALISBURY, 4 NO 14. This camp was located at the south-west corner of Salisbury Plain where Canadian troops were camped. The 3 pence rate paid the penny postage and the 2 penny registration fee. Notice the partial label at upper left. A complete label would appear as shown separately. See also the oval REGISTERED LIVERPOOL postal marking added at the port of sailing. The cross, in blue crayon and number 9, is indicative of registration service.



Label in blue



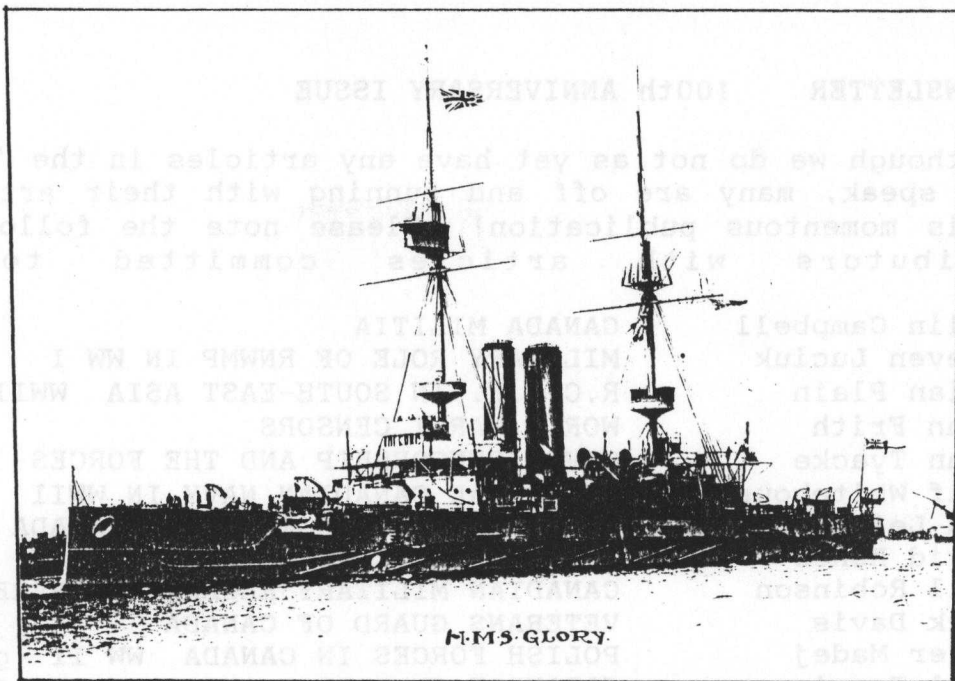
The writer was 35205 Sergeant Benjamin J. Terry who was one of 16 Officers and O.R. who sailed from Gaspé Basin October 3, 1914 with the First Canadian Contingent, C.E.F. The ship on which Terry sailed was Cunard's S.S. FRANCONIA. The face of the card shows H.M.S. GLORY, R.N., an escorting battleship during the convoy's voyage to England.

The reason Sergeant Terry (Canadian Postal Corps) paid for registration service lies in the message which reads as follows:

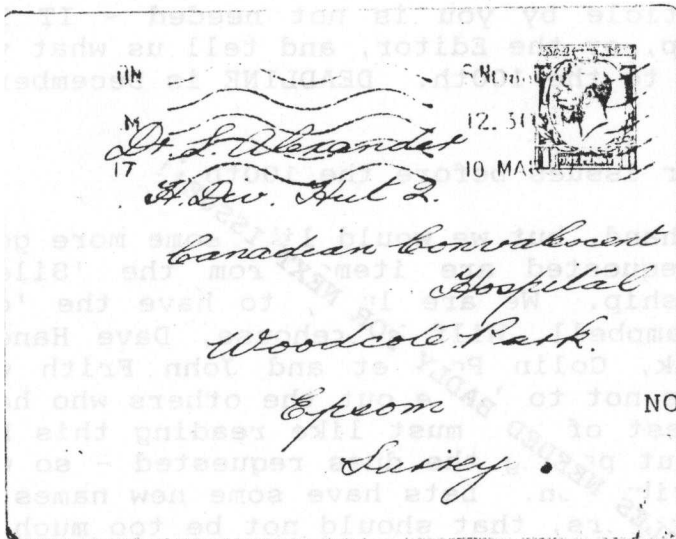
I have been in hospital for 11 days. Came out this morning. I feel pretty good so if you have any news don't believe it. I am O.K.

NOV 4/14

Ben



The writer of this article has no other record of this 24mm BUSTARD CAMP SALISBURY used during World War I. Additional usage reports would be appreciated. Reports to Editor, please.



NOT TO SIZE

PROOF STRIKE

A BACKWARD GLANCE

In Newsletter Page 270 (#46 - 8) we were shown the Orderly Room stamp used on covers being dispatched from the Military Hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom. We now illustrate the receiver's handstamp used on incoming mail. As it is a partial strike, we are including a copy of the proofing strike shown on Page 224 of Proud/Bailey/Toop (1984).

J.C.C.

NEWSLETTER 100th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

Although we do not as yet have any articles in the 'bank', so to speak, many are off and running with their articles for this momentous publication! Please note the following contributors with articles committed to date:

Colin Campbell	CANADA MILITIA
Steven Luciuk	MILITARY ROLE OF RNWMP IN WW I
Brian Plain	R.C.A.F. IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA WWII
John Frith	WORLD WAR I CENSORS
John Tyacke	CIVIL CENSORSHIP AND THE FORCES WWII
Wilf Whitehouse	THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY IN WWII
Ron Leith & Group	WORLD WAR II BLACKOUTS IN CANADA
David Hanes	A POSTAL HISTORY OF CAMP BORDEN
Bill Robinson	CANADIAN MILITARY RESEARCH REFERENCES
Jack Davis	VETERANS GUARD OF CANADA
Peter Madej	POLISH FORCES IN CANADA WW II (guest art)
Bill Topping	JAPANESE INTERNEES IN CANADA WW II (guest)
Dan Mayo	USAPO'S IN NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR
Kim Dodwell	THE CANADIAN ARMY IN ITALY WW II
Ed. Harris	<
Bill Bailey	< Topics still to be decided on.
Ritch Toop	<
Ken Ellison	<

Do not feel that an article by you is not needed - IT IS! Please contact Ritch Toop, or the Editor, and tell us what you would like to contribute to the 100th. DEADLINE is December.

N/L ARTICLES (The regular issues before the 100th)

A little material is on hand, but we would like some more good articles. Especially requested are items from the 'Silent Majority' of our membership. We are looking to have the 'old faithfuls' like Colin Campbell, Wilf Whitehouse, Dave Hanes, Dean Mario, Steve Luciuk, Colin Poole and John Frith who come to mind, and this is not to mention the others who have made the effort. The rest of us must like reading this N/L as you are very good about paying the dues requested - so why not make a further contribution. Lets have some new names on the masthead. With 67 members, that should not be too much to ask.

ARTICLES NEEDED BADLY FOR NEXT ISSUE!!

A NOTE Colin Campbell was recently in Victoria (B.C.) and reports finding a shop there that had some good military books and other militaria. He suggested that we advise you of it.

Bains Books & Militaria, #1 - 1111 Blanshard St.,
Victoria, B.C., V8W 2H7

ORDERLY ROOM MARKINGS

This contribution, thought to be the last by the late Ed. Richardson, appears here with the approval of Vic Willson, the Editor of the BEAVER CHATTER of recent date. Ed. was one of our Charter Members, having joined us at the 1973 BNAPEX.

"These interesting and sometimes very attractive Military Postal Markings present a real challenge to the collector of Military Postal History.

Orderly Room markings go back to before World War I and those from that war are becoming more scarce and it is thus harder to make a decent collection of them. However, those of WW II are still readily obtained in 'large' quantities from auctions, dealers or other military postal history buffs.

One of the attractions of this field of postal history is the fact that making a collection of WW II Orderly Room markings is still rather inexpensive.

Very little study and research has been done in this field. Practically nothing has appeared in the philatelic press so the field is wide open for the student. Who will be the first to write a definitive work on the subject?

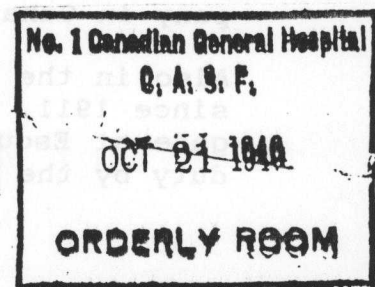
Illustrated here are different types or designs of these hand-stamps and there must be at least another dozen or so. These would include straight line types, squares, rectangles and even one or more tank shaped designs. They come in all shades of black, green, blue, purple and red and are sometimes found on the front of covers, but more frequently on the reverse.

In addition they were used to signify that the cover was entitled to Free Franking when used on the front of the envelope in place of a military postal mark.

Orderly Room handstamps were used by all sort and size of Military units - Corps, Regiments, Brigades, Companies, Hospitals, Ambulance units and various Engineering and Forestry units as well as the R.C.A.F.

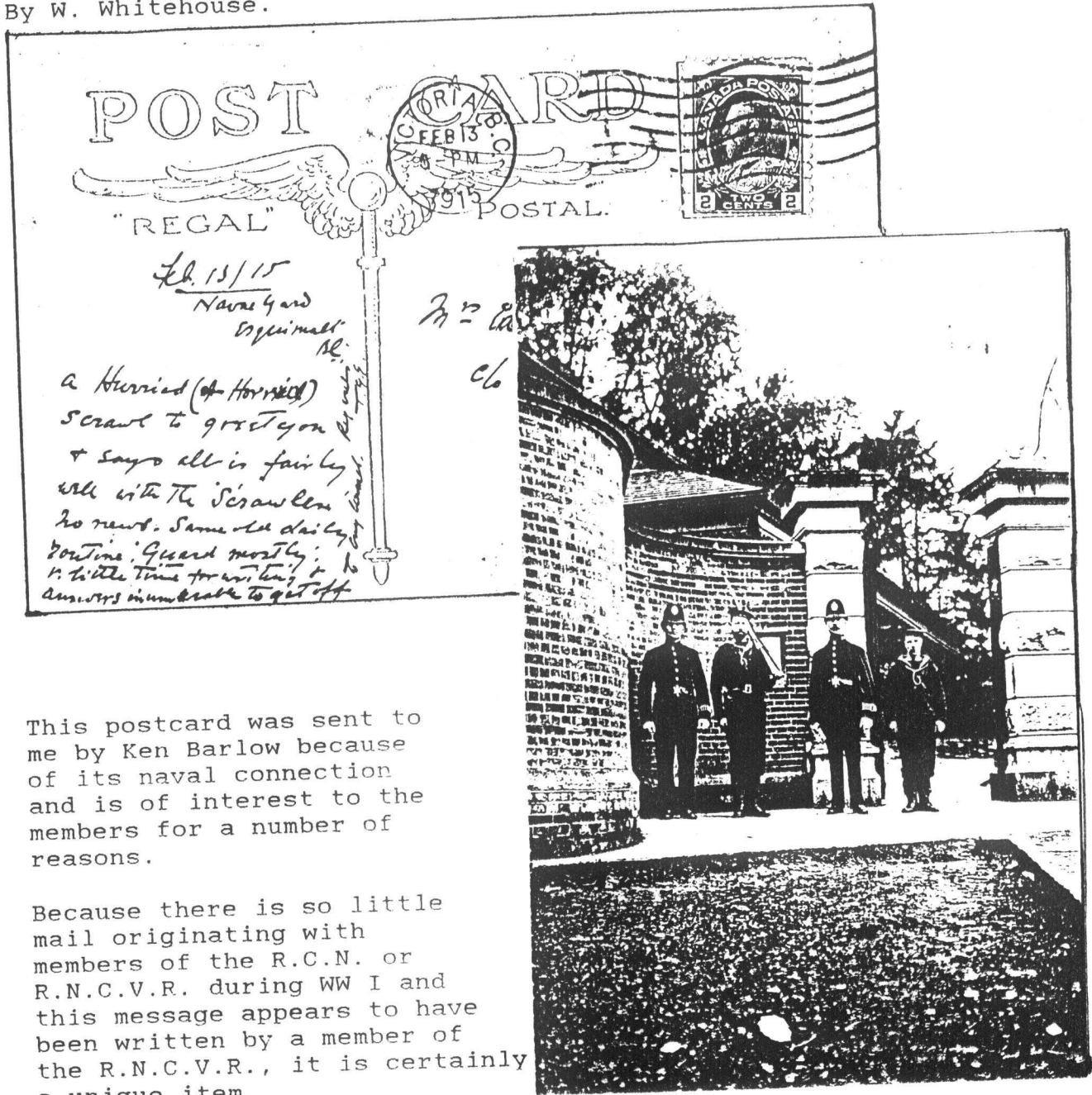
YES! - If you are looking for a brand new field, one that is relatively untouched, has plenty of range, lots of material available and still at no great expense, making a collection of the ORDERLY ROOM MARKINGS of WW II may be just the proper Postal History challenge for you!"

(This article has been somewhat edited for inclusion here, Ed.)



WORLD WAR I NAVAL MAIL

By W. Whitehouse.



This postcard was sent to me by Ken Barlow because of its naval connection and is of interest to the members for a number of reasons.

Because there is so little mail originating with members of the R.C.N. or R.N.C.V.R. during WW I and this message appears to have been written by a member of the R.N.C.V.R., it is certainly a unique item.

The photo shows the "original" main gate of H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, with a naval armed guard who's hat tallies read R.N.C.V.R. (crown) PACIFIC. The Royal Navy Canadian Volunteer Reserve (R.N.C.V.R.) was authorized in July 1914, with the Victoria, B.C. unit of 60 odd volunteers being the first company in Canada to be sworn in.

Also in the photo are two members of the Dominion Police who, since 1911, had been responsible for the security of the main gate at Esquimalt. The Dominion Police were relieved of this duty by the R.C.M.P. at the end of World War I.

A VICTORIA CROSS WINNER'S COVER? **

By Dean Mario.

Some time ago I came into possession of a most interesting Boer War cover. It bears the violet "CANADIAN CONTINGENT" oval handstamp and is addressed to Montreal. However, it was sent by a Trooper Richardson, apparently a non-Canadian, of Kitchener's Horse. Kenneth Rowe states that it is not unusual to find covers from non-Canadian units addressed to Canada and bearing the Contingent's handstamp. (Rowe, p.64) Nevertheless I find it a peculiar coincidence that there was also a brave Canadian with the name of Richardson who won the Victoria Cross about the same time. Could it be the same individual?(1) Probably it was not, but I will leave it up to members to form their own opinion (and perhaps offer more information).

Sergeant Arthur Herbert Lindley Richardson, formerly a member of the North-West Mounted Police "C" Division, Battleford, joined the Lord Strathcona's Horse "A" Squadron and sailed for South Africa in March 1900. After having seen considerable action in the field, Sgt. Richardson won his V.C. at Wolfesprint on July 5, 1900. His act of valour, detailed in a R.N.W.M.P. Corps history, describes the

"... gallantry riding back under a heavy fire, to within 300 yards of the enemy's position, to the rescue of a comrade who had been twice wounded, and whose horse had been shot." (Chambers, p. 128)

*From Sgt Richardson On active
Kitchener's Horse Service
S. Africa*

COLOR OF COVER - OLIVE GREEN
MAKES POOR PHOTOCOPY!



*Mr A Richardson Esq
Imperial Bank
of Canada
Montreal
Canada*



BACKSTAMP
ON ARRIVAL



Perhaps what is most interesting is the time that the cover was sent to Canada.

Rowe states that the L.S.H. dismounted on October 8, 1900 at Machadodorp and remounted at Pretoria on October 14, 1900 (Rowe, p. 43). Stephen G. Rich describes a cancelled cover front from a Robson Lowe Auction in 1942 as having several date stamps of the Canadian Contingent, one of which is from an Army Post Office Machadodorp, September 29, 1900 (Rich, p. 146). This seems to place Trp. Richardson (Kitchener's Horse) close to Machadodorp (and the Canadian Contingent) during the period of October 2 and 10th. Rich also mentions a listing of Canadian Contingent cachets, with an October 10 cachet appearing with a Field Post Office 21 (dated September 28, 1900). It too is on a soldier's stampless cover and the location of the FPO is unknown.

Rich also adds to the confusion and intrigue regarding Kitchener's Horse and its Canadian connections. He further reveals from Ed. Richardson's collection a selection of covers and letters from a Trooper W. Gowans who served with the unit in 1901:

(Gowans) speaks in that letter of '50 or 60 Canadians' in the regiment. A subsequent letter from Port Elizabeth, June 17, 1901, ...tells of the disbanding of the regiment with 'about 100 Canadians in it.'
(Rich, p. 146)

It appears that the relationship between the Canadian Contingent and Kitchener's Horse, at least in the latter part of the War, was a very close one.

Could Trooper Richardson and Sgt. Richardson be the same individual? I doubt it. Given the fact of the two different ranks (would a sergeant of the NWMP accept a demotion to 'trooper' in Her Majesty's Imperial Army?), the absence of a first initial cover on the cover, and the obvious reality that "Richardson" was a very common surname in the Empire, facts seem to outweigh speculation. However, despite the evidence, it still would be a nice find if true....

** I must warn members that the following (prima facie?) case is highly speculative. Who says us collectors can't be dreamers too?

- (1) There were four "Richardsons" in the Canadian forces at this time and the other three were:
A. M. Richardson, "A" Squadron, 2nd Batt., 2nd Contingent,
F. S. Richardson, Royal Canadian Regiment,
J. R. Richardson, "C" Field Batt., Royal Can. Artillery

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Rowe, Kenneth, THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENTS IN THE ANGLO-BOER WAR, 1899-1902, Handbook 1. Toronto: V. G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation,

By Wilf Whitehouse.

"LOUISBURG" arrived in UK waters at the end of September 1942, with other Canadian Corvettes to be rearmed and take part in Operation TORCH, the invasion of North Africa.

On completion of fitting out on 18 October 1942, she joined Escort Group 25 at Londonderry and they commenced escorting the "advance convoys" to Gibraltar in preparation for the invasion which took place on 8 November 1942.

On 6 February 1943, LOUISBURG was sunk in the Mediterranean, near Oran by aerial torpedo with the loss of her Commanding Officer and 37 other Officers and men.

Some interesting features of this LOUISBURG cover include the use of a well worn RECEIVED FROM H. M. SHIPS handstamp, seldom seen on R.C.N. mail, in fact it was just about this time that British Postal Authorities were replacing this particular cancel with the POST OFFICE MARITIME MAIL cancellation.

The inscription VIA SOUTH ATLANTIC AIRMAIL and 15 pence postage indicates that the writer and his shipmates were not aware that the Canadian Armed Forces Air Letter with it's postage rate of 6 pence was available.

Finally, even though the letter had been censored aboard ship it was opened and sealed with a P.C. 90 label, indicating just how concerned authorities were about security for this operation, and in particular, the naval operations.



Y.P. South Atlantic

W. 307644

M. M. McDonald

6.4.7. (W.T.)

J. F. S.

Yorkton, Sask

Canada

RECEIVED FROM H. M. SHIPS

REVENUE POSTAGE

REVENUE POSTAGE

REVENUE POSTAGE

From H. M. C. S. SHIP

PASSED BY CENSOR

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3/11/43

MINER 195-

SALES CIRCUIT

You will remember that last fall Ed. Harris announced that he was willing to start up a military sales circuit within the study group. Response has been under-whelming as only two have responded to Ed. Unless he gets a lot more enthusiasm from the Group, he does not plan to proceed.

>>>>Ed. Harris, 620 - 75th Ave., Calgary, Alta., T2K 0P9<<<<<

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