



# Canadian Military Mail Study Group

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NEWSLETTER NO. 96  
OCTOBER 1990

We are well on our way to Newsletter No. 100! For you that may be 'no big deal', as the saying goes today, but for this editor it is an important milestone!

**NEW MEMBER** Please welcome as a new member HENDRIK BURGERS whose address is 11 Elma Street, Gloucester, Ontario, K1G 3N2. Many of you may know Hendrik as Editor of the RPSC's Canadian Philatelist.

**NEWSLETTER NO. 100** This project is well in hand and members are giving great cooperation. Perhaps a list of those articles on hand will give you an idea of what to expect when you come to BNAPEX 91 in Vancouver to collect your copy:

J.C.Campbell	Canada Militia
W.J.Bailey	Evolution of the Military Posts
W.G.Robinson	Canadian Military Research References
Jack Davis	The Veterans Guard of Canada
A.D.Hanes	Camp Borden 1916 - 1918
John Tyacke	Civil Censorship in Eastern Canada WWII
E.R.Toop	M.S.Gripsholm - WW II Exchange Ship
W.D.Whitehouse	RCN Censor Marks of WW II
P.Madej	Polish Armed Forces in Canada WW II
K.Ellison	Force "C" - Hong Kong 1941 to 1946

And there is more to come! This edition will be more of a 'handbook' than a Newsletter. At present we are looking at 125 to 150 pages in a 8 1/2 by 11 format, bound. As noted above we have half of the committed articles in and on computer disk ready for printing by Bob Lee's Desktop Publishing system.

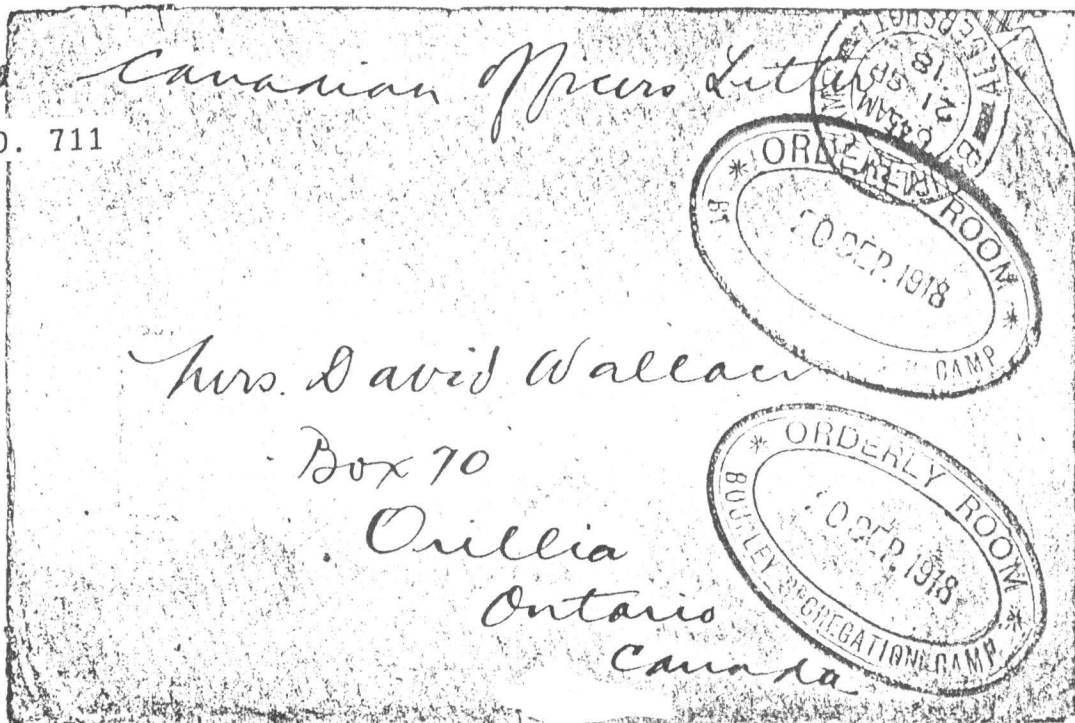
A word to those who have promised articles - we understand many of you are well along with the project and your article is anticipated before long.

A word to those still undecided on doing something for our 100th would be to tell you that the CMMSG would be happy to have your work. Guidance on a project will gladly be offered by Ritch, or the editor, whose addresses are noted below.

E.R.Toop, Box 9026 Station T, Ottawa, Ont., K1G 3T8  
Ken V. Ellison, R.R. # 1, Oyama, B.C., VOH 1W0

Some topics for articles, and there are others, needing attention are:

- 1) British Commonwealth Air Training Plan
- 2) The Hechler Story
- 3) Military Hospitals / Nursing Sisters
- 4) The Canadian Forestry Corps in WW I
- 5) The Canadians in the Korean War
- 6) UN Peacekeeping Forces, etc., etc.



**A NOTE FROM JOHN FRITH**

See N/L Page number 476: In the article on Canadian Segregation Camps there is mention of a second camp being opened, this one at Bourley Wood in 1918. Here is a cover from the camp which, in addition to the Orderly Room handstamp, shows the double ring CDS used there. This should be added to the listing of camps in the UK.

**NEWSLETTER MATERIAL** Noted in the last N/L was our schedule for Newsletters up to 100. To repeat, #97 for December 1990, #98 for January 1991, #99 for March 1991 and 100 in September 1991. Material is needed to complete this schedule so if you have a page of two, or just an item, please send it along soon.

**BLACKOUTS** The Blackout Study Group under Ken Barlow and Ron Leith has just come out with their N/L #8 and a great piece of work it is too. They have promised us a comprehensive work for our 100.

**BOOKS** Two books have been noted recently:

**MUTUAL HOSTAGES: CANADIAN AND JAPANESE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR**, from the University of Toronto Press, \$24.95. This book retells the story of the Japanese-Canadians and their internment in 1942. Also included is a short account of the Canadian civilians interned in the Far East, a story which has been mainly untold until now. The book reviewer was not impressed with this book!

**CANADA'S SUBMARINES 1914-1923**, by David Perkins, Boston Mills Press, \$35. The reviewer of this book was impressed with the scope of the work.

SEE YOU IN GALVESTON - BNAPEX 90 - OCTOBER 18-19-20  
MILITARY SEMINAR ON SATURDAY, 1:15 PM.

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D61	HQ 3 Cdn Div	1 Feb 17 - 30 Jun 17
D62	HQ 4 Cdn Div	1 Feb 17 - 30 Jun 17
DC1	HQ 1 Cdn Div	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18
DC2	HQ 2 Cdn Div	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18
DC2	5 Cdn Div Arty Train	1 Aug 18 - 31 Jan 19
DC3	HQ 3 Cdn Div	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18
DP1	HQ 1 Cdn Div	1 Jul 17 - 31 Jan 18
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DP2	HQ 2 Cdn Div	1 Jul 17 - 31 Jan 18
DP3	HQ 3 Cdn Div	1 Jul 17 - 31 Jan 18

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DX4	HQ 4 Cdn Div	Aug 16 - 30 Sep 16
DZ	HQ 4 Cdn Div	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18
H3	HQ Cdn Corps	1 Aug 18 - 1 Feb 19
HP	HQ Cdn Corps (spare)	1 Feb 17 - 30 Jun 17
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HW2	HQ Cdn Corps	1 Feb 17 - 30 Jun 17
HX	HQ Cdn Corps	Sep 15 - 30 Sep 16
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RP1	Railhead (APO) 1 Cdn Div	1 Oct 16 - 1 Feb 19
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RP4	Railhead (APO) 4 Cdn Div	1 Feb 17 - 31 Jul 18
RX	Railhead (APO) 1 Cdn Div	Feb 15 - 30 Sep 16
RX2	Railhead (APO) 2 Cdn Div	Sep 15 - 30 Sep 16
RX3	Railhead (APO) 3 Cdn Div	Jan 16 - 31 Jan 17
RX4	Railhead (APO) 4 Cdn Div	Aug 16 - 31 Jan 17
S12	Cdn Base Depot (APO)	27 Sep 15 - 25 Jul 16
S22	Cdn Base Depot (APO)	26 Jul 16 - 1 Feb 19
S22	Cdn Base Depot (APO)	2 Feb 19 - May 19
S52	Corps Ips (APO)	5 Apr 17 - 14 Oct 19
S84	Cdn Reinforcement Camp (APO)	31 Jan 18 - 10 Apr 19
SA1	Cavalry Bde	1 Oct 16 - 31 Jan 17
SA1	Cavalry Bde	1 Feb 17 - 31 Jan 18
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TX3	3 Div Train	Jan 16 - 17 Jun 16
TX3	2 Div Train	18 Jun 16 - 30 Sep 16
TX3	2 Div Train	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18
TX4	4 Div Train	Aug 16 - 30 Sep 16
TZ	4 Div Train	1 Feb 18 - 31 Jul 18

### OVERSEAS POST OFFICES 1914 - 1919

From Ritch Toop

This listing is a re-do of the familiar table of the British F.P.O's as used by the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WW I. As you may note, the listing is made out in hammer sequence and may thus be easier for you to use. Then again you may want to use the two tables together!

Ritch is hoping for CMMMSG members to provide some input which will help to clarify any doubtful areas in the new table. Any corrections that come to hand will be noted in future N/L's. See N/L Pages 155-156 for the earlier table.

(3) Restrictions as to sending Sugar to the United Kingdom. The Canadian Government prohibits the exportation of sugar from Canada, by post or otherwise, unless authorized by license from The Canada Food Board, and the British Government prohibits its importation into that country without a license from The Royal Commission on Sugar Supplies in the United Kingdom.

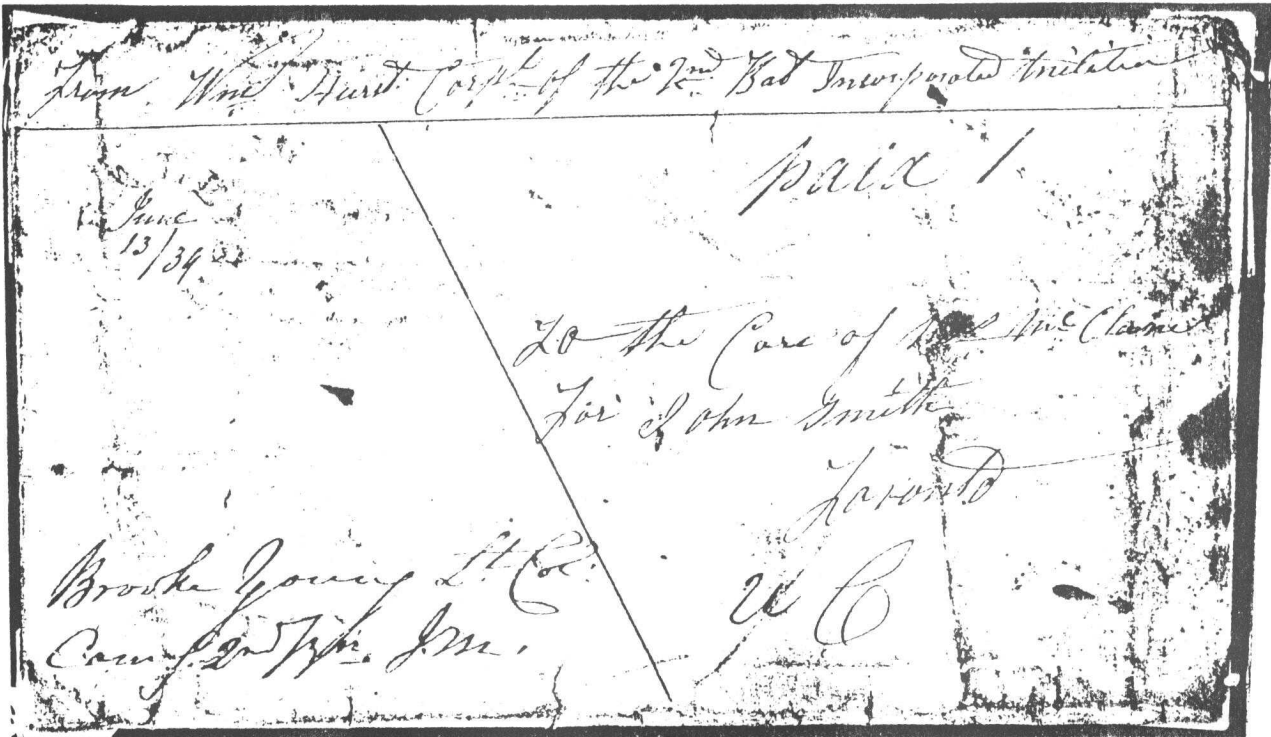
By way of exception to these prohibitions, the following concessions have been authorized:—

- (a) Sugar sent as gifts to Canadian soldiers in the United Kingdom or France provided the parcel is addressed to the addressee at his regimental address.
- (b) Sugar, in quantities not exceeding one pound in weight, mailed to the United Kingdom under any other circumstances.

In all other cases it is necessary for the sender to obtain an export license from the Canada Food Board, Ottawa, and for the addressee to obtain an import license from the Secretary, Royal Commission on the Sugar Supplies, Scotland House, Victoria Embankment, London, S.W., England. Applications for license should be made by letter.

Maple sugar does not fall under the sugar prohibitions.

The above notice supersedes the restrictions issued in the November, 1917 Supplement to the Postal Guide, Section 4, Page 5.



AN EARLY CANADIAN MILITARY COVER

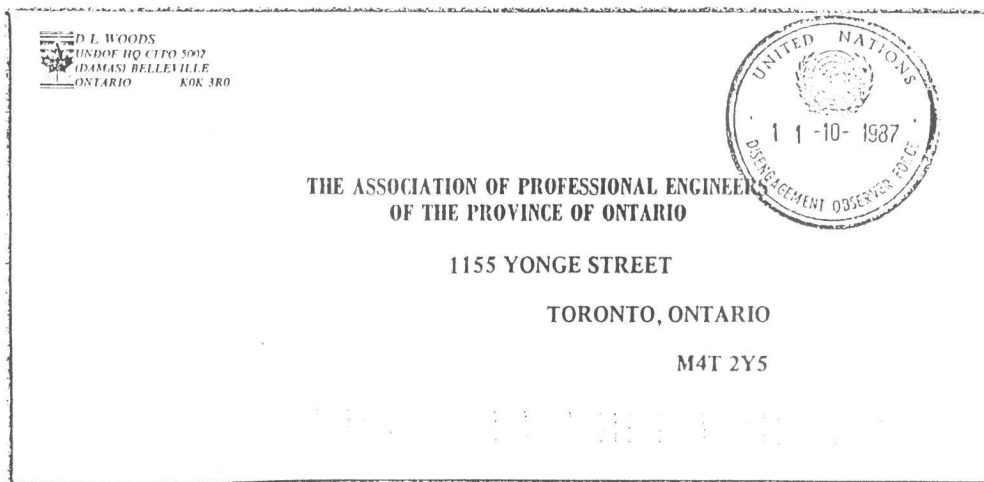
From Ritch Toop

1d SOLDIERS RATE IN 1839

A letter of 13 June 1839 is shown here. It was from Cpl W.M.Hurst, 2nd Battn of Incorporated Militia at RALEIGH (UC) which is now Chatham. The letter is co-signed by the Commanding Officer and mentions the Battn is stationed in south west Ontario in rearguard of MacKenzie rebellion to repel 'Patriots'. Note the manuscript PAID 1 which denotes the rate then current for such mail.

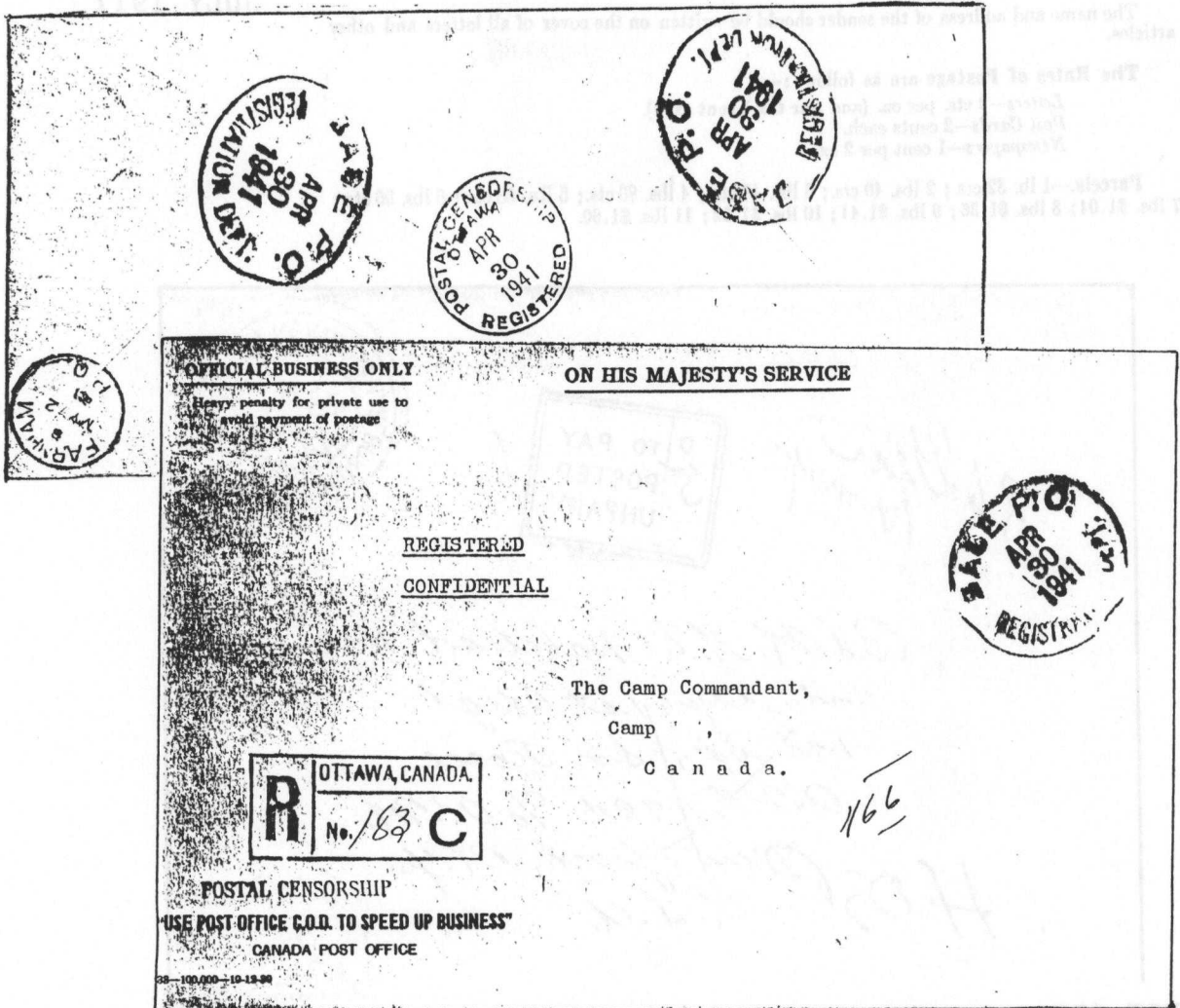
DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE - 1987

The following photo-ed cover came in from Mike Street and has been much reduced in size. The original cancellation is 43 1/2mm in diameter. Does anyone wish to write this one up for us as this editor is at his usual loss on this stuff?



## BASE POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

From Bill Robinson comes this nice item. It is reduced here to fit and the Base P.O. cancel has a diameter of approximately 39mm while the Postal Censorship one is 31mm. Both markings are unusual and are rarely seen these days.



## CANADIANS FOUGHT IN TWENTY BATTLES

Total of 418,000 Men Shipped  
Overseas—50,000 Dead in  
211,000 Casualties Is  
War Record.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The following statement showing what has been accomplished from a military point of view by the Dominion since the beginning of the war, was issued today by the militia department:

"When Canada entered the war on August 4, 1914, she had a permanent force of only 3000 men and an active militia of 60,000.

When hostilities ceased on November 11, 1918, Canada had sent overseas 418,980 soldiers.

At first Canada supplied a division. This was increased until by 1916 she had in France an army corps of four divisions, a cavalry brigade, and numerous other services, such as line of communication troops, railway troops and forestry corps.

On September 30, 1918, the Canadian troops in France numbered 166,250. The cavalry brigade included a strong draft furnished by the Royal North-west Mounted Police.

"The Canadians engaged in the United Kingdom and France in operating railway lines and in cutting down forests and milling the timber numbered about 50,000.

"Of the Royal Air forces some 14,000, or 15,000 were raised and trained in Canada; in addition many joined the Royal Air Force after going overseas in Canadian expeditionary forces.

"On October 31, 1918, the casualties numbered more than 211,000. There have been more than 50,000 deaths, 152,000 have been wounded, and when hostilities ceased the prisoners of war numbered 2,800.

"The roll of Canadian battles is:

"1915, second battle of Ypres (April and May).

"1916, St. Eloi (April 3 to 19).

"Sanctuary Wood (June 2 and 3).

"Hooge (June 5, 6, 13 and 14).

"Battle of Somme (September, October and November).

"1917, battle of Vimy Ridge (April 9 and 13).

"Battle of Arleux and Fresnoy (April 28 and 29, May 3).

"Battle of Lens (June).

"Battle of Hill No. 70 (August 15).

"Battle of Passchendaele (October 25, November 10).

"1918, second battle of Somme (March and April).

"Battle of Amiens (August 12).

"Capture of Monchy le Preux (August 26, 28).

"Breking of Quent-Drocourt line (September 3 and 4).

"Crossing of Canal du Nord and Bourlon Wood (September 27, 29).

"Encirclement and capture of Cambrai (October 1, 9).

"Capture of Douai (October 20).

"Encirclement and capture of Valenciennes (October 25 and November 2).

"Advance and capture of Mons (November 7, 11)."

## Correspondence for Expeditionary Forces in East Africa.

**Address.**—Letters and other postal packets intended for members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces; with the British Expeditionary Forces operating in East Africa should be addressed as follows:—

- (a) Regimental number.
- (b) Rank.
- (c) Name.
- (d) Squadron, Battery or Company.
- (e) Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff Appointment or Department.
- (f) Canadian Contingent.
- (g) British East African Expeditionary Force.
- (h) Army Post Office, London, England.

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The name and address of the sender should be written on the cover of all letters and other articles.

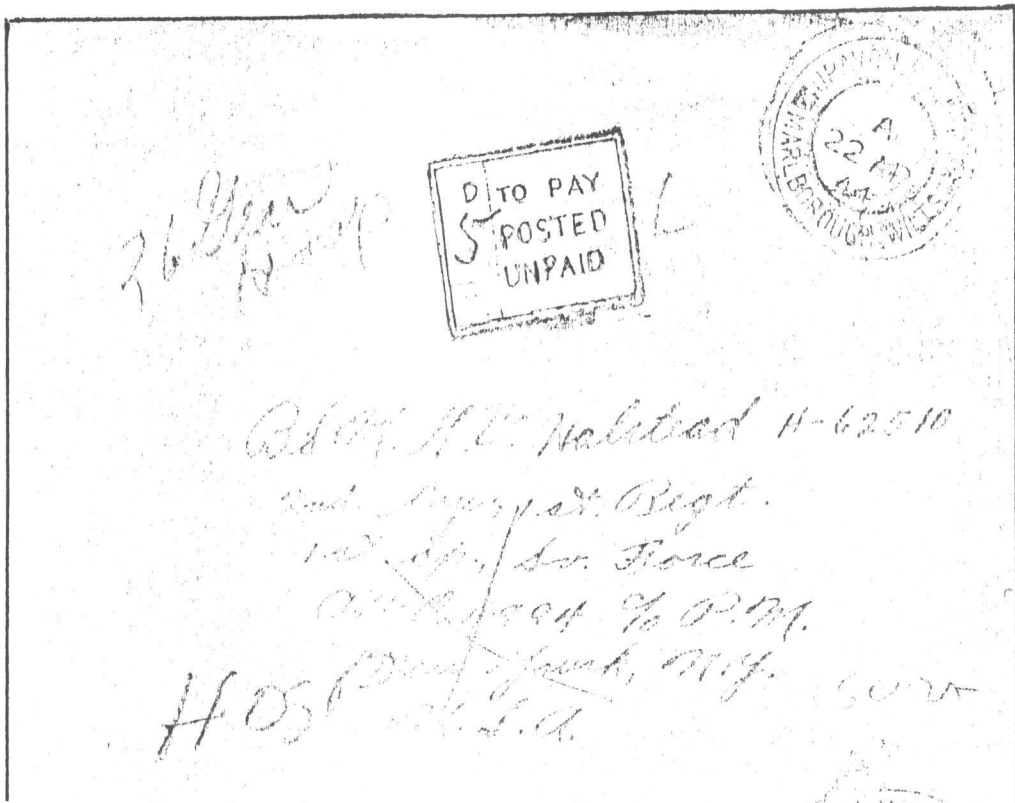
**The Rates of Postage** are as follows:—

*Letters*—2 cts. per oz. (and war tax 1 cent each).

*Post Cards*—2 cents each.

*Newspapers*—1 cent per 2 oz.

**Parcels.**—1 lb. 32 cts.; 2 lbs. 40 cts.; 3 lbs. 48 cts.; 4 lbs. 80 cts.; 5 lbs. 88 cts.; 6 lbs. 96 cts.; 7 lbs. \$1.04; 8 lbs. \$1.36; 9 lbs. \$1.44; 10 lbs. \$1.52; 11 lbs. \$1.60.



**A FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE COVER**

Bill Robinson sends this along: This cover was mailed from the RAF Post Office at Upavon, near Marlborough, in Wiltshire, England, by a RCAF Pilot Officer on April 22, 1944.

It is addressed to B.S.M. (W02) G.W.Halstead, the Company Sergeant Major (First Sergeant) of the 2nd Company, First Regiment, of the First Special Service Force.

At this time, the Force was located in the Anzio beach head, Halstead was apparently wounded, and the cover is re-addressed to him at 26 General Hospital, at Naples.

Note the "5d/ TO PAY POSTED UNPAID" marking - which was improperly applied, as the cover was posted at a Forces Post Office by a member of the Forces, and deserved free surface transmission. The cover must have travelled across the Atlantic to New York, and then back to Italy!



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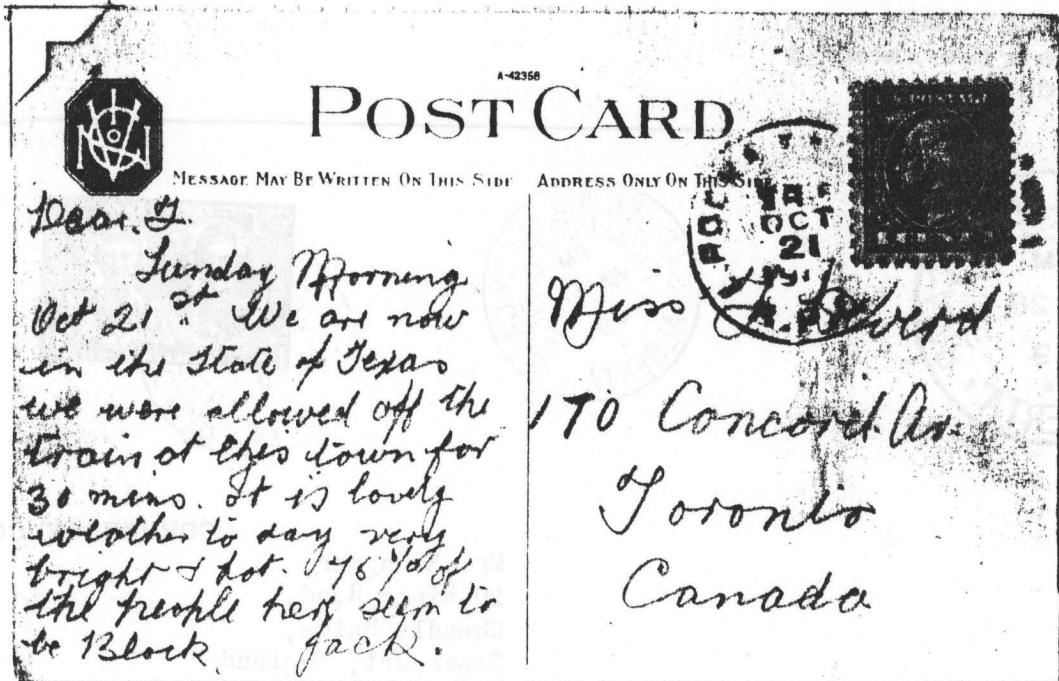
In the case of parcels for the Egyptian and Salonika Expeditionary Forces, not only must every parcel have an outer covering of strong linen, calico, canvas or other textile securely sewn up, but these parcels should be as nearly round as possible, and well padded with shavings, crumpled paper, or other protective material, particularly if wooden or metal boxes with square corners are used, as such boxes are liable to damage other parcels.

No perishable articles may be sent, and anything likely to become soft or sticky, such as chocolates, etc., must be packed in tins well fastened down.

Cigarettes and tobacco should be packed in tin boxes soldered to make them airtight, and these should then be placed in wooden boxes, otherwise they are liable to be spoiled by dampness.

The address must be written in bold letters on the covering in ink or indelible pencil and not on a label whether tied or pasted on.

The name and address of the sender must also be written clearly on the covering of the parcel. Parcels which do not comply with this condition will be refused.



ROYAL FLYING CORPS GOES TO TEXAS 1917

From Colin Pomfret

Much has been said about the Royal flying Corps in the winter of 1917-18 when they went to Texas for training. It will be remembered that the RFC had been training in Ontario but winter flying conditions were not as yet understood there. Because of this an exchange was arranged with the United States Signal Corps, Aviation Branch, to continue instruction in Texas that winter.

The RFC men, and those US Airmen training in Ontario entrained for Fort Worth, Texas, in October 1917 with the last of them leaving for the south by early November.

Shown here is an "en route" postcard dated 21 October 1917 on the L. Rock & .... / R.P.O. This was likely the Little Rock and Fort Worth R.P.O. as the rail line appeared to follow this route. This picture postcard showed Texarkana which would have been on that rail line.

### A CANADIAN MILITARY CANCEL

Sarcee Camp was in Military District Number 13, Calgary, Alberta.

The Sarcee postal hammer was proofed on 28 June 1939 but saw little service as the Field Post Office closed on 30 September 1940. The cancel is shown in Boggs' "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada", on page 642.

The revenue of this office during this period was approximately \$400. A 'shorty' from J. C. Campbell.

Enlarged photocopy of proof strike showing proofing date.



CORNER OF COVER ONLY

Mr. E. Jagger,  
10 Kings Road,  
Cheadle Hulme,  
Stockport, England

### CANADA OFFICIAL POSTAL GUIDE DECEMBER 1917

#### INFORMATION FOR POSTMASTERS.

##### (1) COMMUNICATION WITH PRISONERS OF WAR INTERNED ABROAD.—

1. Subject to the restrictions set forth in the following regulations, Letters, Postcards, Parcels (up to 11 lb.) and Money Orders may be sent free of all postal charges to Prisoners of War (of whatever nationality) interned abroad, and to British (including Canadian) civilians interned in Austria-Hungary, Germany, Turkey and Bulgaria. In the following paragraphs the term "Prisoners of War" includes all interned persons, naval, military or civilian.

2. **LETTER POST.—Method of Address.**—The address of letters whether for Officers, non-commissioned Officers, privates or civilians, must be in the following form, and must be written distinctly in INK. As regards the address of parcels, see paragraphs 8 and 14.

The place of internment if known should always be stated. Correspondence for Prisoners of War employed in working camps in Germany should be addressed to the "parent" camps to which they belong and not to the working camps.

FORM.

EXAMPLE.

*Regimental number, *rank, initials, name.....	No. 12345, Private A. G. Robinson
*Regiment (or other unit).....	48th Highlanders, Canadian Contingent, B.E.F.
British, Canadian, French, Belgian, etc.....	Canadian Prisoner of War.
Prisoner of War.	
Place of Internment.....	Gottingen
Country.....	Germany

\* In the case of Naval or Military Prisoners.