



# Canadian Military Mail Study Group



## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1996

*Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year*

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Dear Fellow CMMMSG Members:

Although perhaps a bit earlier than those issued in the past, welcome to the Christmas issue of the Newsletter! It has been a bit over a year since my taking over the post as Editor and I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all those who have offered their support and assistance. Because this is the last issue for 1996, I'd like to preview some directions and ideas for next year. Elsewhere in this issue members will find the 1997 schedule. We shall be returning to the five-issue per annum basis. I hope to include many more relevant surveys for members to participate in, and last issue's Z-Force survey was the start. Cimon Morin's notes from the National Archives will continue. Robert Toombs will be a semi-regular contributor with a "What's New" column--some of the material on the Internet is quite interesting! A current membership listing will be printed soon, as well as a survey of members' collecting interests. All members are encouraged to participate fully! It is not too early to think about a special project for our Group's 25th Anniversary in 1998. Certainly Bill or I would be very pleased to hear of members' thoughts. As is fitting for the season, Bill and I would like to wish all a very happy holiday season and the best for the New Year!

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Jon Johnson has volunteered to conduct the first auction for our Study Group! Please try to participate and send Jon some of your extras. More details on page 270! Thank you!

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Colin Campbell sends in a short notice about the October Canadian Legion magazine. Members interested in nursing sisters will be enlightened!

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W.G. Robinson's Boer War volume is superb! Get yours from Ken Ellison today! Only \$13 in Canada, \$11 U.S., and \$20Cdn./\$15US overseas.

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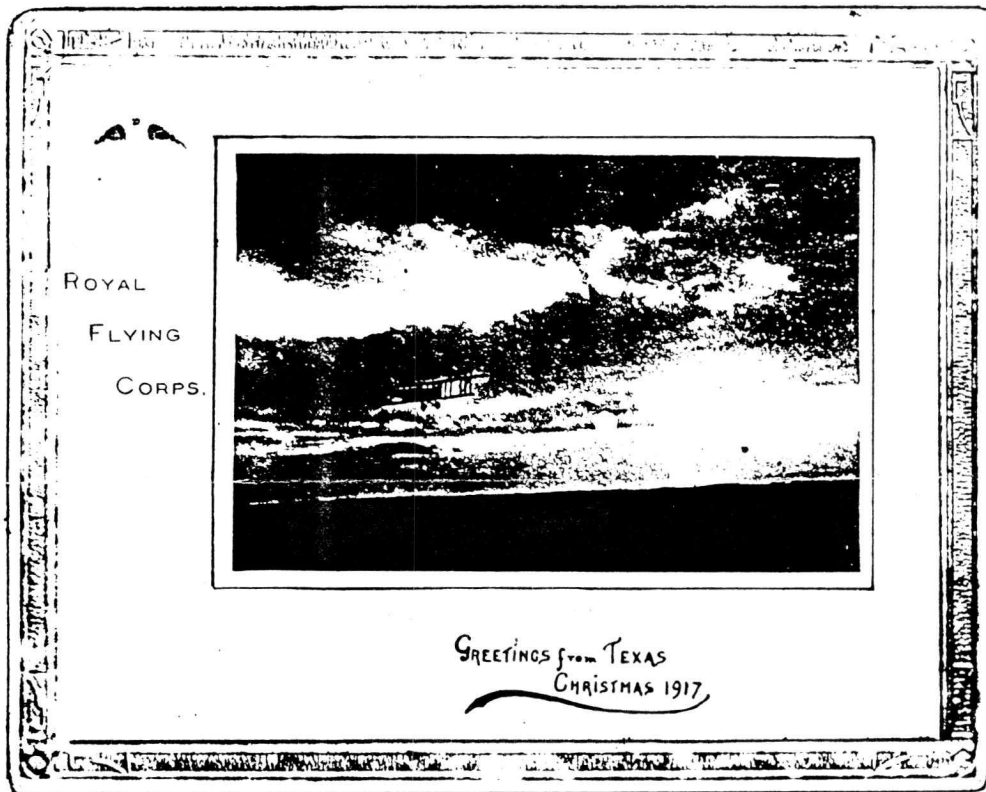
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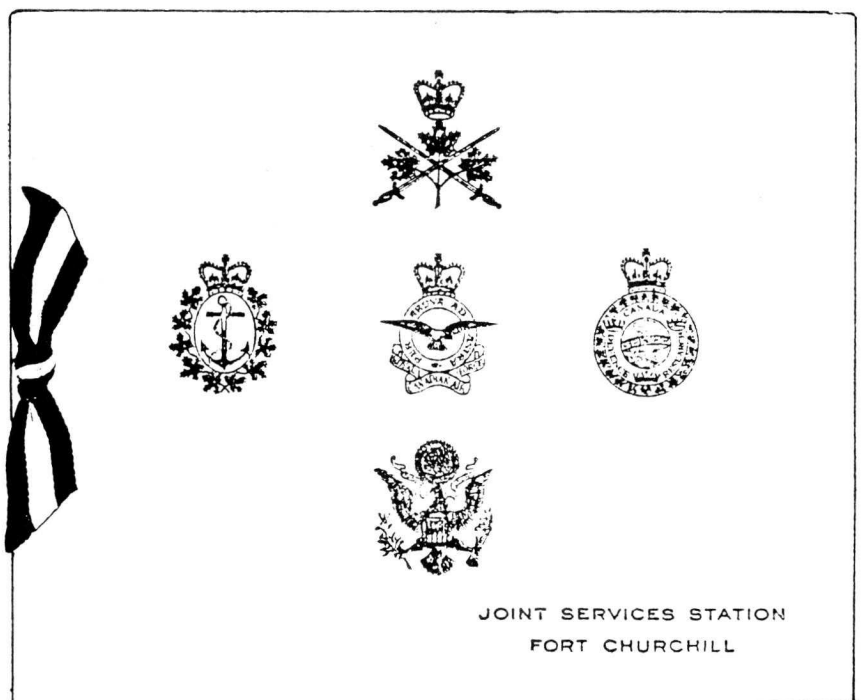
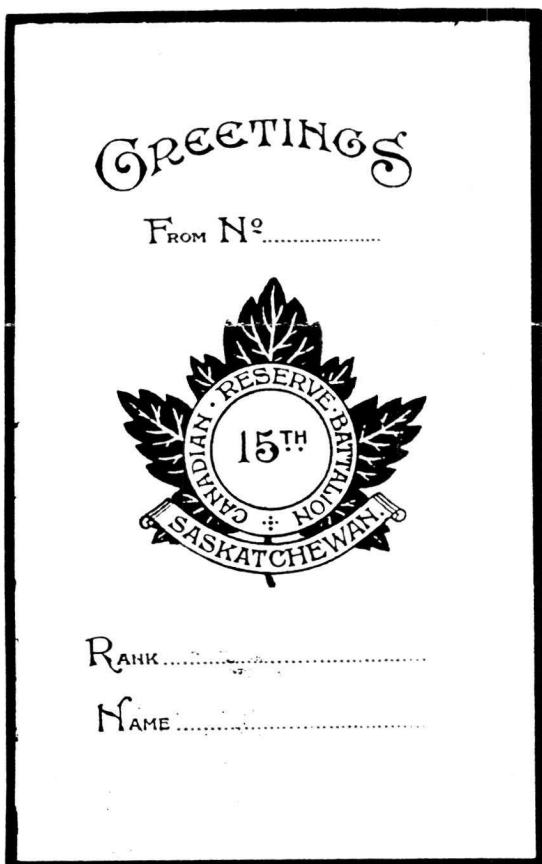
### We will remember them.

TEXAS GREETINGS, 1917--By Steven Luciuk



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LEFT: A POSTCARD GREETING FROM THE 15TH [Ed.]  
RIGHT: JOINT SERVICES, FORT CHURCHILL--By A.D.  
Hanes



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FRONT

CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS



**CHRISTMAS  
DINNER**

at Sea

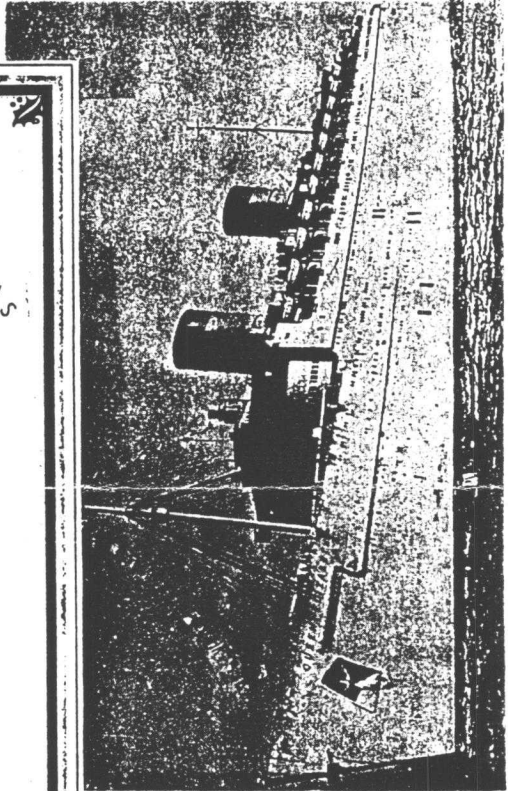
25 DECEMBER, 1945

Aboard

H.M.T. QUEEN ELIZABETH




INSIDE



FOLD

INSIDE



CUNARD  
WHITE STAR  
LIMITED

**MENU**

ROAST TURKEY  
CRANBERRY SAUCE

GREEN PEAS      BROWNED POTATOES

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COLD HAM  
LETTUCE SALAD

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PLUM PUDDING      SWEET SAUCE

ICE CREAM  
CHRISTMAS CAKE

— \* —

FRESH FRUIT      MIXED NUTS

COFFEE

H.M.T. QUEEN ELIZABETH — HALIFAX HARBOUR, N.S.

XMAS FARE 1945--By John W.T. Wannerton

The above folded card shows the fare aboard the Queen Elizabeth for Christmas, 1945. The back page has the heading "Auto-graphs" and names thereon. The dinner menu right is on a separate buff card.

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1997 NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

We will return to the 5-issue format next year:

- January-February 1997
- March-April 1997
- May-June-July 1997
- August-September-October 1997
- November-December 1997 [Ed.]

**Compliments of the Season**

**DINNER**

Tomato Soup

Halibut, Hollandaise Sauce

Braised Ham, Madere

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce

Fresh Broccoli      Green Peas

Boiled and Roast Potatoes

Cold: Roast Beef      Roast Lamb

Combination Salad

Cream and Russian Dressings

Plum Pudding      Mince Pies

Ice Cream

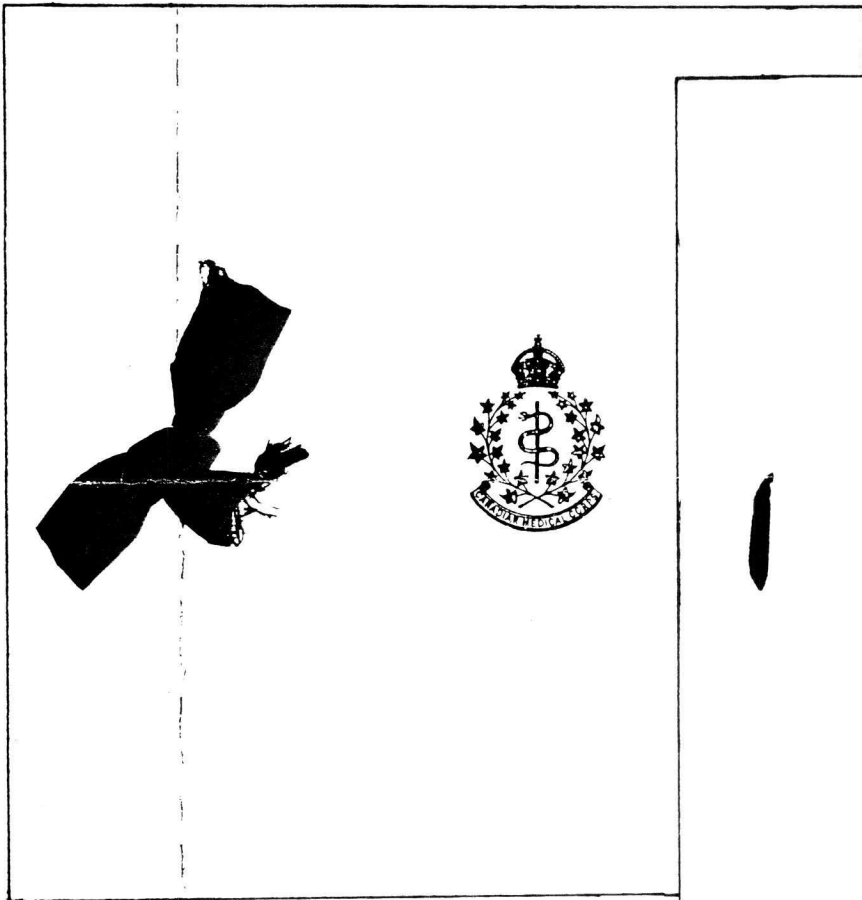
Fresh Fruit      Coffee

R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth CHRISTMAS DAY, 1945

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CHRISTMAS WITH THE C.A.M.C.--By Jon Johnson



With Hearty Greetings  
and  
Best Wishes.

From *Jannie*

No. 1 Canadian Stationary Hospital,  
The Dardanelles.

Christmas, 1915.      New Year, 1916.

Dear Fergie: -  
Auld lang syne  
and a' that -  
Here's to ye  
lad - na a  
keel tap  
*A.S.*

1917

The Officer Commanding  
and Officers of  
No. 9 Canadian General Hospital  
send you  
The Season's Greetings.

Amas, 1917.



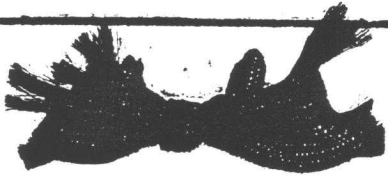
Every Good Wish for Christmastide  
and the Coming New Year.  
From

No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hospital,  
France.

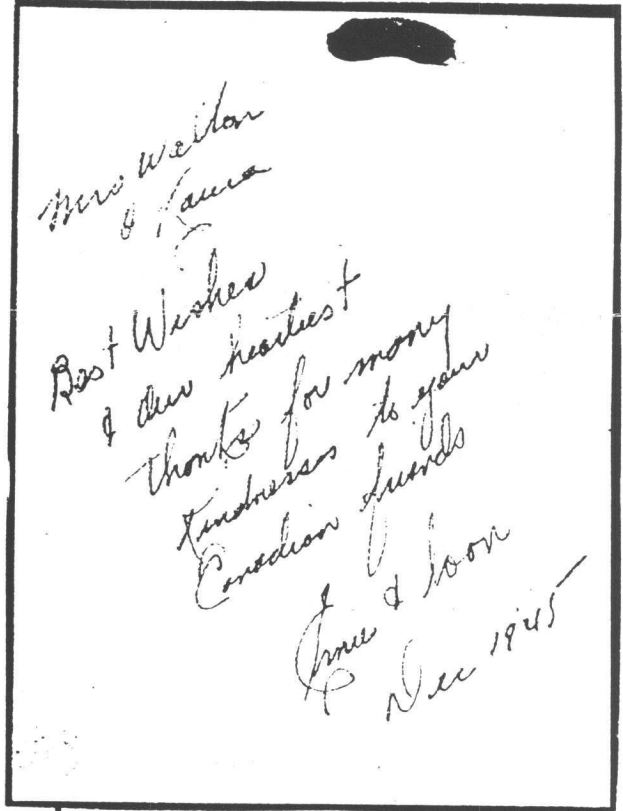


CDN. FORCES OVERSEAS, 1945-46 CALENDAR--By John W.T. Wannerton

Here's a calendar with pages complete for the 1945-46 Christmas season. The ribbon is in red and the reverse shows seasonal salutations.



CANADIAN FORCES OVERSEAS  
Christmas 1945-6.



*New Year  
& Peace  
Best Wishes  
& our heartiest  
thanks for many  
kindnesses to you  
Canadian Friends  
I hope  
Dec 1945*

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1 CDN. FIELD HOSPITAL--By Jon Johnson

*May The Spirit Of The Holiday  
Season Abide With You  
Throughout The Year*

*Commanding Officer and Staff*

*1 Canadian Field Hospital  
Canadian Forces Base Petawawa  
Petawawa, Ontario*



1 CANADIAN FIELD  
HOSPITAL

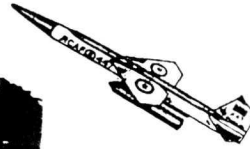
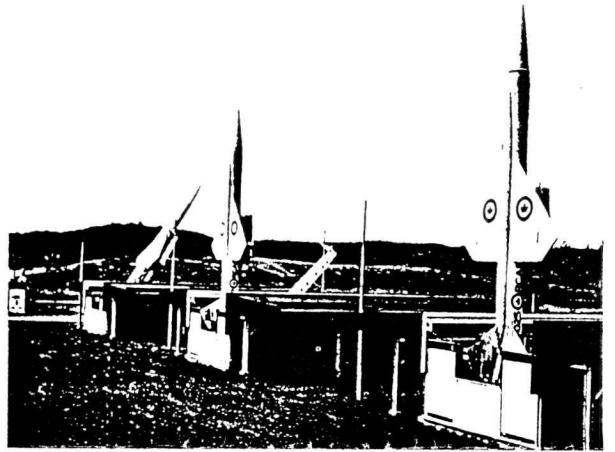
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CHRISTMAS WITH THE RCAF--By A.D. Hanes

*With Best Wishes  
for Christmas  
and the New Year  
from*

*Tam, Herb,  
Shawn &  
Sheryl Lysons  
(Nov 22)*

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE  
LA MACAZA QUEBEC



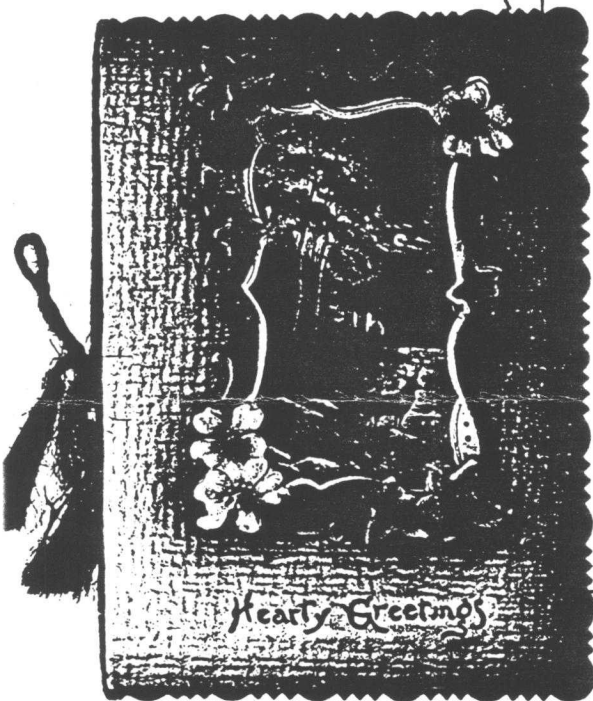
115 AIR TRANSPORT UNIT  
EL ARISH, EGYPT

*Best Wishes  
for the Holidays  
and Happiness throughout  
the New Year*



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A FEW "GREAT" GREAT WAR ITEMS--By J.C. Campbell



Christmas, 1917.

By this Card we meet again,  
Gladsome link in memory's chain;  
By this token comes to you  
Joyous Wishes, Greetings True.



Old Times, New Thoughts, of  
Memories cherished dear.  
Old Friends, New Hopes for  
Christmas and New Year.

From

Bugler C. Rand, 636948

156 Can. Inf. Battn.,  
Witley Camp, Surrey.



THE OFFICER COMMANDING,  
OFFICERS, N.C.Os., & MEN

of the

2ND BN. C.M.G.C.

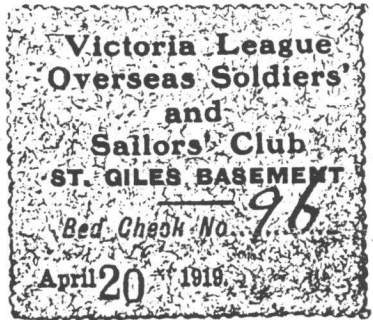
extend to you  
the

SEASON'S  
GREETINGS

through

The Field.

1918.



(Gummed label on reverse for safe keeping)

1943 GREETINGS FROM MACKENZIE KING [Ed.]

This card was enclosed within a P.O.W. cover to a Canadian held in Japan. The 1944 cards had a slightly different message.



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Kind thoughts are truest wealth, so take  
This Christmas wish and treasure it  
For auld acquaintances sake.

56TH (O.A.C.) BATTERY,  
14TH BRIGADE,  
CANADIAN FIELD ARTILLERY,  
ARMY POST OFFICE,  
LONDON, ENGLAND.

With the Best of Good Wishes  
for  
Christmas and the New Year

From

*W. Russell White*

56TH BATTERY, 14TH BDE, CFA--By J.C.  
Campbell



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CHRISTMAS 1918 OCCUPATION FORCES--By Steven Luciuk

Major Alex. O. Mc Murtry, D. S. O.  
 A/Capt. J. Archie Gordon, M. C.  
 Lieut. H. A. Stewart, M. C. Lieut. F. D. Baragar, M. C.  
 „ D. Duchesnay, M. C. „ J. A. Cole  
 „ D. A. Mac Donald „ E. L. Casey  
 Lieut. G. H. Lutz

With Best Wishes  
 for  
 the Merriest Christmas  
 and  
 the Happiest New Year  
 of the War  
 from  
 The Officers of the Fourth Battery  
 Canadian Field Artillery

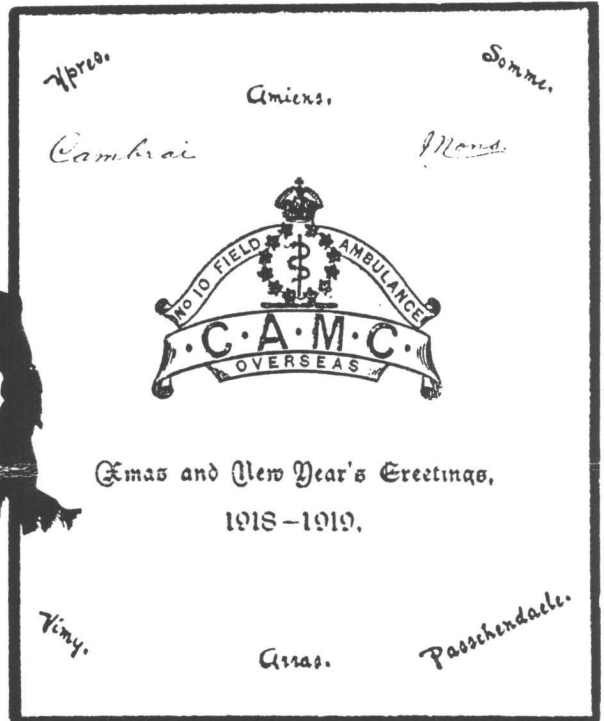
Christmas, 1918,  
 Germany.



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NO. 10 FLD AMBULANCE--By Steven Luciuk

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BCD'S IN ENGLAND [Ed.]



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*Season's Greetings*

9TH ARMOURD REGIMENT (BCD)  
 CANADIAN ARMY, ENGLAND

*Jordan*



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**IMPORTANT!****MILITARY STUDY GROUP - MAIL SALE #1****TERMS FOR VENDORS**

1. Minimum reserve of \$5 per lot.
2. Lots to be sold to the highest bidder, meeting or exceeding the reserve, for one (1) increment over the second highest bid. In cases where only one bid is received, the lot will sell for the reserve price.
3. Reserve for each lot must be stated by the vendor which may be higher than the minimum of \$5.
4. Commission charge will be 10% per lot based on the realized price.
5. Unsold lots will be returned to the vendor, via registered mail. At the time of final settlement. Return postage will be charged to the vendor.
6. Final settlements will be mailed to consignors approximately 45 days after closing.
7. Detailed descriptions of each lot to assist the mail sale editor in clearly describing the lots is highly recommended.
8. Lots for Mail Sale #1 should be sent, registered mail, to:

Jon Johnson  
9604 Kalamalka Road  
Vernon, BC V1B 1L3

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING LOTS FOR MAIL SALE #1 IS: JANUARY 31, 1997

Mail Sale #1 will be attached to the military study group newsletter mailed in 1997.

All proceeds from commissions, after the expenses, will be credited to the BNAPS military study group.

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SMALL ADS

The Newsletter will accept small ads from members. One insertion of up to four lines for a "Loonie"! For our overseas friends, that's a Canadian dollar. Please send your ad with "real" money or mint (Canadian preferred) stamps to the Editor's attention.

WANTED: Information/descriptions regarding the POW Camp at Gravenhurst, ON; Toronto's "Little Norway"; and "Little Norway, Muskoka, ON". Sue Sheffield, c/o Muskoka, "A Summer Love Affair", Box 67039, Meadowlark RPO, Edmonton, AB T5R 5Y3, FAX (403) 481-1144 (4/5)

WANTED: WWI-related items from or to Newfoundland (including civilian censored). Please contact the Editor with photocopies. Thank you! (2/2)

*With many good wishes  
for the Holiday Season*

WANTED: Covers TO Miss J. Wilson, The Gen. Hospital, Moose Jaw, SK (1918); TO Mr./Mrs. George Hegan, St. John, NB (1916-19); also hospital ship and nursing sister covers and postcards. Will trade when possible. Jon Johnson, 9604 Kalamalka Rd., Vernon, BC V1B 1L3 (1/5)

WANTED: Any postal military and military-related items of Poland. WWI and WWII (also orders, medals, documents, uniforms). Zdzislaw B. Kaczmarczyk, 5350 Macdonald Ave., Apt. 104, Montreal, QC H3X 3V2 (2/5)

WANTED: By the Editor, Proud's British Army Postal Service, Vol. II. Gd. condition. Details/price. (1/2)