

## Canadian Military Mail Study Group



## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Fellow CMMSG Members:

Happy New Year and welcome to 1997! Bill and I would like to wish you all the best for the upcoming year and hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas and holiday season. Despite some very inclement weather in Bill's part of the world, and the cold temperatures over Christmas in Saskatchewan, all seems to be back to normal. It is that time of year to say farewell to a few BNAPS officers who have served the Society well. Thanks to Jon Johnson (who remains as a Director) who relinguishes his job as Vice-President for Study Groups and Mike Street who ends his term as President. Both gentlemen have served, and continue to serve, BNAPS well and remain as vibrant Study Group members. Good luck to Doug Lingard our new V.P. for Study Groups, David Whiteley as Study Group Reporter, and Vic Willson as our new President! A sad farewell to a good friend of our Study Group, Alan J. Brown, former President of the Forces Postal History Society. Our condolences to his family. Alan's collection was previously auctioned in early December and highlights will be noted in an upcoming issue.

This year will be an exciting one for our Study Group. Jon Johnson will be running a mail sale scheduled for the next issue and reminds us that there is still time to send some material off to him for inclusion! The deadline is January 31. This Newsletter is going off to 75 members and those who receive sample copies. We have room to grow! Enclosed you will also find a small sheet to survey members' opinions on a variety of subjects. Please try to return the sheet as it will help guide the Newsletter for the future. Results to be published in a future issue (let's try for 100% return). If you wish certain information not to be published, just indicate it on the form. Thank you! Some new publications and special studies will be in the works for 1997—all in all a very good year. Your Officers want to wish all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 1997!

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MEMBERSHIP LIST: Add HENDRIK BURGERS, 11 ELMA ST., GLOUCESTER, ON K1T 3W8

JUST IN: J.C. Arnell's transatlantic stampless covers/SFL's may have some treasures for members. Contact C.G. Firby before February 5-6!

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## WHAT'S NEW? UN/CANADIAN MISSIONS -- By Robert Toombs

The information below will be helpful to members and regards recent U.N. Missions which included Canadian participation. Members may wish to refer to Wilf Whitehouse's article concerning Operation "Sharp Guard", N/L #124, p. 234.

Maritime Forces Atlantic - Operation Sharp Guard http://www.marlant.hal...a/marlant/mar004e.html



# CANADIAN NAVAL SUPPORT TO OPERATIONAL SHARP GUARD

## (NAVAL ENFORCEMENT OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST EX-YUGOSLAVIA)

September 1992

The destroyer HMCS GATINEAU (DD 236) deployed to the Adriatic Sea as part of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic to monitor compliance with UN sanctions. (At the time, Operation Sharp Guard had not been formally established).

#### June 1993

Canadian naval commitment to Operation Sharp Guard begins and has continued uninterrupted since, with at least one Canadian destroyer or frigate participating as part of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic. Canadian Commodore Greg Maddison served as Commander of STANAVFORLANT June 1993 to April 1994.

#### June 1993 - Present

Canadian warships assigned to Operation Sharp Guard as part of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic:

Date	Assigned Ship
June 1993 to October 1993	HMCS ALGONQUIN(DDH 283)
October 1993 to April 1994	HMCS IROQUOIS (DDH 280)
April 1994 to September 1994	HMCS HALIFAX (FFH 330)
September 1994 to January 1995	HMCS TORONTO (FFH 333)
January 1995 to July 1995	HMCS MONTREAL (FFH 336)
July 1995 to December 1995	HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC (FFH 332)
December 1995 - April 1996	HMCS FREDERICTON (FFH 337)
April 1996 - June 1996	HMCS HALIFAX (FFH 330)

#### Other

February 1994 to May 1994, and May 1995 to June 1995

Operational support ship HMCS PRESERVER (AOR 510) deployed to the Adriatic to help monitor sanctions and resupply NATO and WEU vessels. This is separate from Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

#### October 1995 to December 1995

HMCS CALGARY (FFH 335), which is based on Canada's West Coast, was in the Adriatic as the first Canadian warship assigned to NATO's Standing Force Mediterranean.

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UN Peacekeeping Missions to February 29, 1996		UN Mission	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization	United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan	United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus	United Nations Disangagement Observer Force	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon	United Nations Irac-Kuwait Observation Mission	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara	United Nations Mission in Georgia	United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia	United Nations Mission in Haiti	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda	United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan	III United Nations Angola Verification Mission III	ADEP United Nations Preventive Deployment Force	United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina	United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia,
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Every Good Wish for The New Year

### CANADIAN PUBLIC ARCHIVES HOLDINGS (cont'd.)

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    DAP ACCESSION NO. 1996-085 R.H. Webb fonds
    1814-1984 ; predominant 1914-1945
    2500 covers
    25 photographs : b&w
    23 photographs : colour
    77 negatives : b&w
    1 slide : colour
    .54 m of textual records
    2 artworks : 1 sketch, 1 drawing
    The fonds consists of material accumlated and written by R.H. Webb in the
    pursuit of his hobby researching military mails. The majority of the collection includes the philatelic albums of R.H. Webb's collection of
    military covers and postal markings. The series include manuscript,
    1814-1984; philatelic albums, 1825-1967; and research notes, 1900-1968. Manuscript series consists of philatelic articles written and/or published
    by R.H. Webb. Included are working copies, rough notes and finished
    manuscripts.
    The philatelic albums series includes postal covers collected by R.H. Webb
    in albums. The cover depicts postal markings, stationary, labels, and cancel relating to the transportation and administering of military mails.
    The covers represent World War I and World War II as well as periods before
    and after each of the wars.
    The research notes series consists of philatelically related material
    collected and written by R.H. Webb on the following subjects: Air Letters,
    Auxilliary Service and Camps, Boer War, Canadian Base Post Offices,
Canadian Forces Mail, Canadian Military Foreign Post Offices and Camp Post
    Offices, Canadian Military Slogans, Canadian Militia Field Post Office,
    Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force Covers, Canadian Postal Corps, Censor
    Markings, Distribution and Redirection of Military Mail, Field Post
   Offices, Military Post Offices, Honour Envelopes, Polish Army Camp, Post World War II, Postal Services, Prisoner of War Covers, Internment, Siberian
    Expedition, United Nations, World War I.
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         records. Status effective from 1996-04-23
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    COPYRIGHT: Various copyrights
    CREDIT: National Archives of Canada
    FINDING AID: CPA-189 The R.H. Webb fonds in Reference Services (file
    level)
    Accession date: 1996-04-23
   Branch accession no.: 123-040655-7
Provenance: Gift of Mrs. Ethel Webb
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    arranged by subject
   Organization; arrangement: (textual records) organized into 2 series;
                 arranged alphabetically
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                Negatives:
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    LOCATION:
                0170
    LOCATION:
                Textual & Artwork:
                                         4103 to 4104
    LOCATION:
                Covers:
                            C0102 to C0106
    LOCATION: Slides:
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   Roland Humphreys Webb (1910-1970), a military man served the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, landed on the beaches of Normandy on "D" Day. He was
   He also served at Petawawa, Camp Shilo, Jericho Beach Vancouver, and Army
    Headquarters in Ottawa.
    Mr. Webb's main hobby was always philately. He collected stamps for over 50
    years, belonged to many philatelic societies and philatelic interest
    His main philatelic interest was Canadian Forces Mail. He studied military
    postmarks and wrote many articles for philatelic journals.
    Formerly in accession 1989-565. Previously acquired by the National Postal
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Canadian Postal Archives accession  $\!\!\!\!/$  Acquisition des Archives postales canadiennes

## POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA -- By John Frith

[Members will recall the previous article (N/L 123, pp.224-226) regarding the No.1 Special Wireless Group, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, and this continues the story of Pte. John W. Egilson's correspondence.]

Readers will recall that Pte. Egilson headed his letters with whatever location he happened to be at while stationed in Australia with the Canadian Special Wireless Group, C.A.O.S. In addition it should be noted that the censor handstamp issued for use by the unit was number 2235, and that the type issued has not been previously recorded by the Forces Postal History Society but has been seen by P. Collas (page 205, fig. 133). Although similar to FPHS Aus.#102 and #104, the letters are of a different size and placement (FIG.1):

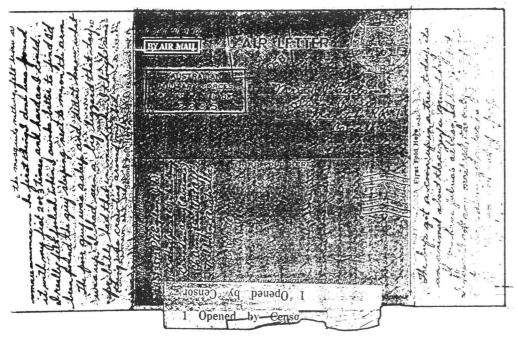




FIG.1 (Detail)

NO.3 AUST. BASE P.O./B 1800 21 FE 45 (BRISBANE 18.11.43-11.5.45)

It should be noted that the Base Censor tape tying this letter is printed in red on a yellow paper and does not seem to be recorded elsewhere. The Unit's location has been cut out of the letter by the Base Censor. This, plus the lack of a Unit censor's signature, is what probably attracted the attention of the Base Censor to this letter.

One additional feature that should be mentioned is another air mail letter card from this correspondence containing the pre-printed map of the Unit's itinerary (issued to members of the Unit prior to their leaving Darwin). See FIG.2 opposite.

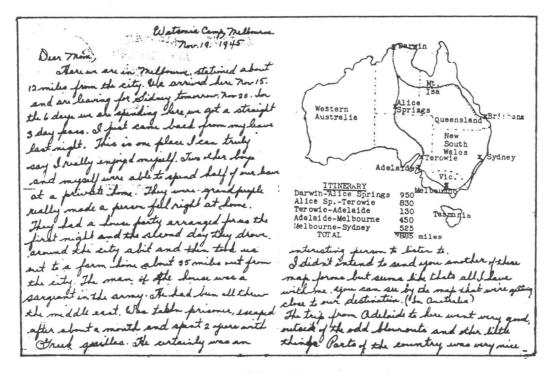


FIG. 2

Collas, P. The Postal History of the Australian Army During World War II. Melbourne: The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, 1986.

Daynes, J.A., Ed. World War II Censor Marks. Essex, U.K.: Forces Postal History Society, 1986.

Stobbs, S. Postmarks of the Australian Forces From All Fronts, 1939
to 1953. Revised Second Ed. Saltaire, Bradford, U.K.: The Northway Printing Co., Ltd., 1984.

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## RCAF LIBERIA -- By W. G. Robinson

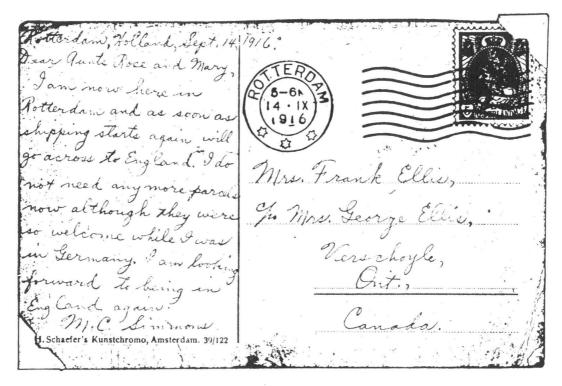
This interesting cover was mailed by an RCAF Sgt., censored by the RAF, and mailed at the U.S. APO 605, Roberts Field, Liberia The writer was attached either to the RAF Ferry Command, or to the RCAF Transport Command on the supply line from Canada to the RCAF Transport and Reconnaissance Squadrons in India. APO 605 was located in Liberia from June

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1942 to February, 1947.

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GREAT WAR CANADIAN ESCAPEE -- By Colin Pomfret



The above postcard is from Pte. Mervyn Simmons, ex. 7th Bn., who was wounded and captured at Ypres in 1915. He and Cpl. Edwards, P.P.C.L.I., escaped from Celle Laager Z1 on August 22, 1916 and crossed the Dutch border on September 9. They proceeded to the British Consul in Rotterdam. Two days after this card was mailed they sailed on board the S.S. Grenadier and arrived at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 18.

### Refs.

Pearson, George. The Escape of a Princess Pat. McLelland, Goodchild, and Stewart, 1918.

Simmons and McLung. Three Times and Out. Cambridge: The Riverside Press, 1918.

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## THE ROYAL VISIT TO VANCOUVER, MAY 1939 -- By W. Whitehouse

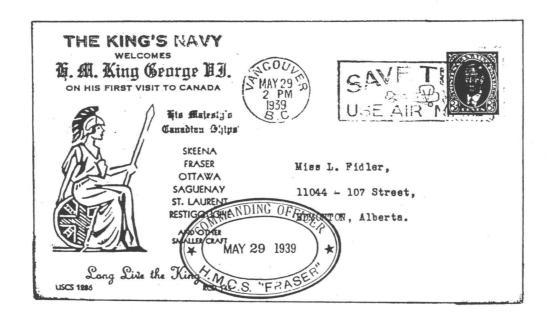
After travelling aboard the Royal Train across Canada from Quebec City (beginning on May 15), King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived at the C.P.R. station in Vancouver on the morning of May 29, 1939.

It would be a whirlwind visit of only a few hours but the couple received a tremendous welcome from the citizens of Vancouver. The Province, a newspaper of the day, estimated that the royal couple were seen by over 500,000 people who lined the procession route through the city and on the north shore.

Returning to the C.P.R. station via the Lions Gate Bridge, the King and Queen boarded the CP  $\underline{SS}$  Princess Marguerite for the dinner-time departure to Victoria escorted by HMC Ships  $\underline{Fraser}$ ,  $\underline{Ottawa}$ ,  $\underline{Restigueta}$ , and St. Laurent.

Ken Ellison has a picture postcard of the five ships in single line ahead passing through Active Pass. Unfortunately it does not photocopy well enough for use in the Newsletter.

The philatelic cover below, dated May 29 from HMCS Fraser, is the only cover of this date seen by the writer from any of the four ships. There could be covers on this date from any of the other three ships of the group. Can any members provide photocopies to the Editor?



Note the Vancouver post office cancel reads 2 P.M., three hours prior to sailing on the 29th.

Little did the men aboard these warships realize that in less than four months they would be engaged in escorting convoys in what became known as the "Battle of the Atlantic". Only two of the four ships would survive the war. Princess Marguerite was herself torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean in 1942.

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#### THEFT ALERT!

Warren Dickson of the RPSC's Anti-Theft Committee has alerted us of a break-in in Barrie, ON on March 19, 1996. A safe was taken plus a small group of Canadian WWII registered covers ex. E.R. Toop Collection. The inventory included: MPO's 208R; 210R; 401; 506; 625; 1010; 1111; and NPO's 504; 622; 630; 1114; and 1213. Retail value of the covers stated to be \$325. Mr. Dickson can be contacted at (416) 222-7240 (bus.hours Mon.-Thurs.) or after 3:00pm at (905) 889-6133 (home) or at #108-5803 Yonge St., Willowdale, ON M2M 3V5.

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### INFORMATION PLEASE!

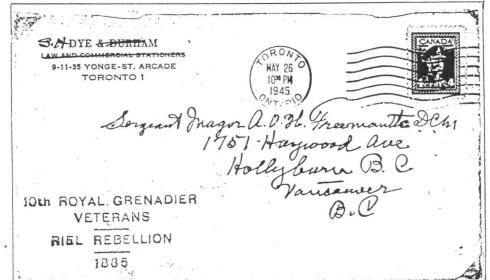
Member Robert Toombs writes with the following:

I have an airmail letter franked with 5/ from Jinja, Uganda postmarked 15 AP 82 and is addressed to the "Base Commander/CFB Calgary/Calgary, Alta./Canada/Att. Lt.Johnson/1st Fd.Amb.". On the reverse is inscribed

"474 058 831 Major E.P.Green/Canmedel\*/CMTTU\*\*/P.O.Box 1027/Kampala, Uganda". Bailey & Toop confirmed that we had military training teams in Ghana and Tanzania in the 1960's. Does "\*Canmedel" = "CANadian MEdical DELegation" and does "\*\*CMTTU" = "Canadian Medical Training Team Uganda"? Thoughts anyone? Any feedback from readers would be appreciated. Please reply through the Editor.

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### A LOOK BACK AT A ROYAL GRENADIER -- By J. Colin Campbell



The inscription at lower left is in lilac ink.

It was March 14, 1862 when the 10th Battalion, Volunteer Militia Rifles, Canada was first raised. 1 By August 1881, through the evolution of time, the name was changed to the 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers. This was the designation when the second Riel Rebellion began. Battalion headquarters was in Toronto, Ontario. The 10th was comprised of 17 Officers and 250 Other Ranks. The Royal Grenadiers did not serve in the Boer War.

Oscar Freemantle was a private in No. 2 Company, Royal Grenadiers and · was present at Batoche under Lt.Col. J. Grassett, C.O., 10th Battalion. The Batoche Column was under the command of Maj.Gen. Frederick Middleton. In 1900 authority was given for the word "Batoche" to be worn on their colours in recognition of their service in that campaign.

If this writer may assume that Oscar was twenty years of age in 1885, then he would have been eighty years old when he received the letter shown above. Again, an assumption, that in the First World War Oscar was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and became Sgt.Mjr. Freemantle.[Steven Luciuk also has a very similar cover. It would be interesting to know if other members have similar ones and what exactly was the purpose for the handstamp--a reunion of some sort? Ed.]

The Lineages of the Canadian Army. C.E. Dornbusch (1961)

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ A History of Riel's Second Rebellion. T.A. Haultain (1885)

#### 1997 CMMSG ROLL

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## WHAT'S NEW? NOTES ON CANADIANS IN ZAIRE--By Robert Toombs

1) 300 Canadians went to Rwanda/Zaire in mid-November, 1996 to assist in a humanitarian mission; 2) the force was commanded by Lt.Gen.
Maurice Baril of Canada; 3) all troops and equipment were Canadian.
The U.S., Britain, Netherlands, Italy, and South Africa sent observers but did not participate; 4) at about the same time the Canadian troops arrived, the refugees began returning home on their own accord; 5) the Canadians co-ordinated data from aerial searches for refugees and planned air drops of food and medicine; 6) on December 14, 1996 the U.N. ordered the Canadian soldiers home; 7) by December 20, 1996 demobilization was well-advanced, with the last troops scheduled to be home before December 31, 1996. [Do any members have mail from this Op.? Egs. must be quite rare. Ed.]

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## BOOK, THE R.C.N. POSTAL HISTORY, 1939-45

The information for the above has just arrived. Volume II and a further supplementary volume is now available. Compiled by Maurice Hampson and the late Percy Colbeck, these books cover areas such as the RCN censor stamps, Fleet Mail numbers, shore establishments, blackouts and more. Volume II and a Supplement Edition updates Volume I and include a large collection of photos (mostly of the offices and staff). Volume I is \$21.95 in soft cover and \$42.95 for hard cover; Volume II and the Supplementary volume are available in soft cover for \$22.95 each. A \$5.00 fee for shipping/handling per book is required. A hard cover Volume II and the Supplementary volume is \$54.95. Orders to: CANIMPEX, 619-21, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3S2. [Ed.]

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#### SMALL ADS

The <u>Newsletter</u> 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 (5/5)

FOR SALE: Postcards sent by Hon.Lt.Col. E. Kidd, No. 5 Stat.Hospital, Egypt, to Ontario. No military markings but from a correspondence. \$7.50 each. Colin Pomfret, R.R.#1, Millgrove, ON LOR 1VO (1/2)

WANTED: WWI Newfoundland cards/covers! Photocopies to the Editor. Thank you! (1/1)

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 (2/5)

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 (3/5)



DON'T FORGET THE MAIL SALE NEXT ISSUE!!!!!