



Canadian Military Mail Study Group



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Fellow CMMSG Members:

Although somewhat early again this, our last issue for 1997, brings you hearty seasons' greetings from Bill and myself. We hope that the upcoming holidays are filled with good health and happiness and 1998 will be the best ever! Lots of "news" this time so let's get started.

Members will know that your Editor was awarded the John S. Siverts Award for the "best study group newsletter". It was a most welcome surprise and deeply appreciated. I would like to convey my thanks to the membership for its continuing assistance and support. The frequent flow of articles and submissions certainly makes my job much easier. Thank you is also extended to Ken Ellison for his presenting the award to me in Calgary at CALTAPEX/ROYAL '97. Ken brought it all the way from St. John's!

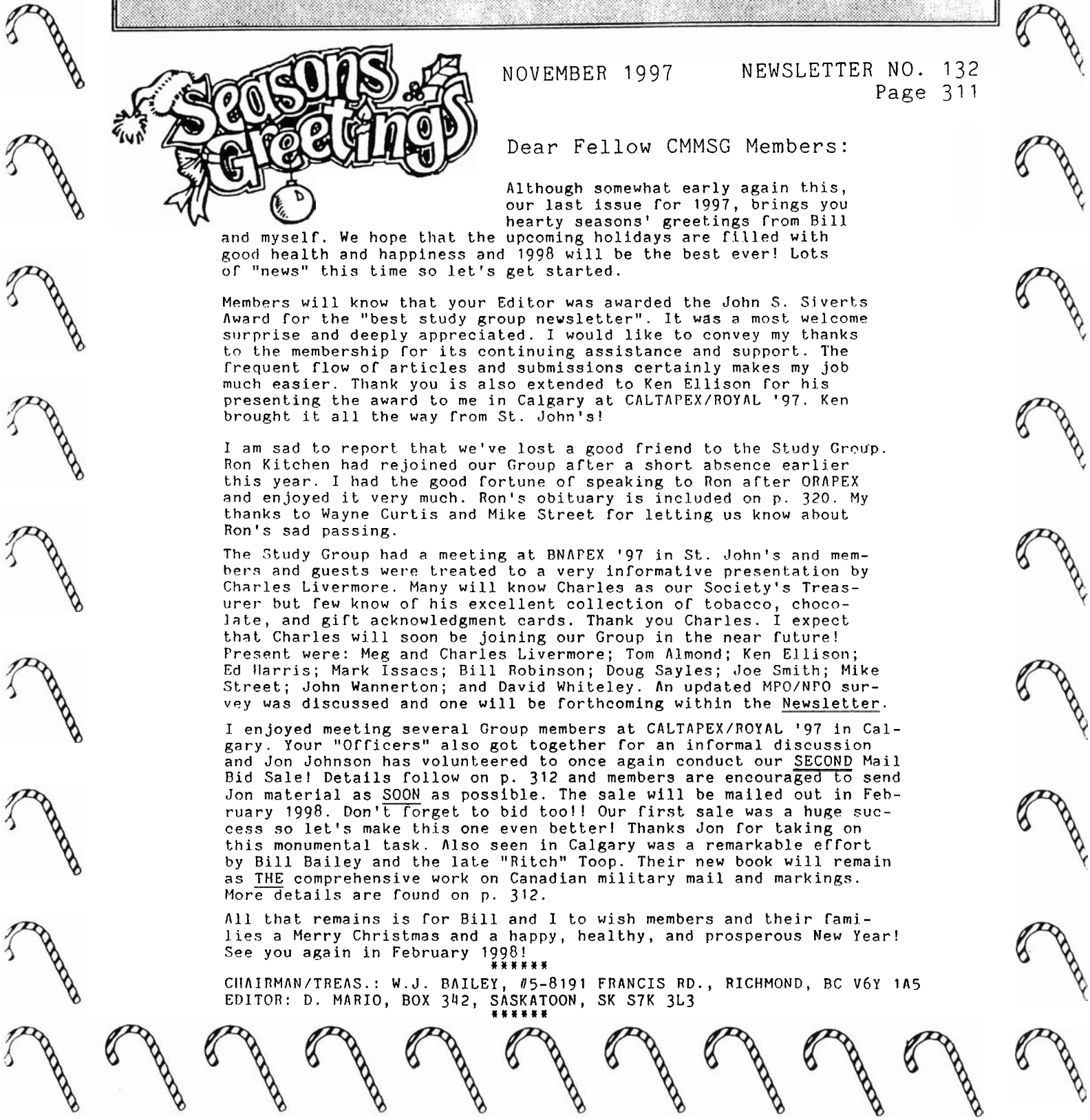
I am sad to report that we've lost a good friend to the Study Group. Ron Kitchen had rejoined our Group after a short absence earlier this year. I had the good fortune of speaking to Ron after ORAPEX and enjoyed it very much. Ron's obituary is included on p. 320. My thanks to Wayne Curtis and Mike Street for letting us know about Ron's sad passing.

The Study Group had a meeting at BNAPEX '97 in St. John's and members and guests were treated to a very informative presentation by Charles Livermore. Many will know Charles as our Society's Treasurer but few know of his excellent collection of tobacco, chocolate, and gift acknowledgment cards. Thank you Charles. I expect that Charles will soon be joining our Group in the near future! Present were: Meg and Charles Livermore; Tom Almond; Ken Ellison; Ed Harris; Mark Issacs; Bill Robinson; Doug Sayles; Joe Smith; Mike Street; John Wannerton; and David Whiteley. An updated MPO/NPO survey was discussed and one will be forthcoming within the Newsletter.

I enjoyed meeting several Group members at CALTAPEX/ROYAL '97 in Calgary. Your "Officers" also got together for an informal discussion and Jon Johnson has volunteered to once again conduct our SECOND Mail Bid Sale! Details follow on p. 312 and members are encouraged to send Jon material as SOON as possible. The sale will be mailed out in February 1998. Don't forget to bid too!! Our first sale was a huge success so let's make this one even better! Thanks Jon for taking on this monumental task. Also seen in Calgary was a remarkable effort by Bill Bailey and the late "Ritch" Toop. Their new book will remain as THE comprehensive work on Canadian military mail and markings. More details are found on p. 312.

All that remains is for Bill and I to wish members and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! See you again in February 1998!

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. . . Lest We Forget.



Thanksgiving Service

for

The End of The War

Third Avenue Methodist Church

Saskatoon, Sask.

Wednesday, November 27th, 1918

Under the Auspices of the Churches

1918 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, SASKATOON-[Ed.]

CANADIAN MILITARY POSTAL HISTORY MARKINGS, 1881-1995

The above title, unveiled at Royal '97 in Calgary, is a monumental two-volume set which will undoubtedly become THE series Canadian military collectors may find necessary for their libraries. Edited by our Chairman W.J. Bailey, and the late E.R. "Ritch" Toop, the books are now available! Contained within a colour-illustrated slip cover case, Volume I is 424 pages and Volume II is 872 pages. The set is priced in Canadian Dollars and the softcover version is \$149.99 and the hardcover set is \$179.99. These prices do not include shipping and applicable taxes. Orders can be placed through C.G. Firby Auctions, 6695 Highland Rd., Suite #107, Waterford, MI 48327-1967, USA, telephone (248) 666-5333 or fax (248) 666-5020.





NEW MEMBER: A warm welcome is extended to KEVIN O'REILLY, BOX 444, YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2N3.

MILITARY STUDY GROUP--MAIL SALE #2 - - - TERMS FOR VENDORS

1. Minimum reserve of \$5 per lot please. Reserves for each lot must be stated by the vendor. These may be higher than the minimum \$5.
2. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder, meeting or exceeding the reserve, for one (1) increment over the second highest bid. If only one bid is received, the lot will be sold at the reserve price.
3. The commission charge will be 10% per lot based upon the realized price.
4. 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. Final settlement will be approx. 45 days after closing.
5. Detailed descriptions of each lot to assist the mail sale manager is highly recommended.
6. Lots for Mail Sale #2 should be sent, registered mail, to:

Jon Johnson
9604 Kalamalka Road
Vernon, BC V1B 1L3

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING LOTS IS JANUARY 23, 1998.****

Mail Sale #2 will be within the Newsletter (January-February issue). Mail Sale date is March 13, 1998.

All proceeds from commissions, after expenses, will be credited to the BNAPS Military Mail Study Group.



NO.2 DIV. TRAIN--By
Steven Luciuk



With Christmas Greetings
and all Good Wishes for the New Year.

From

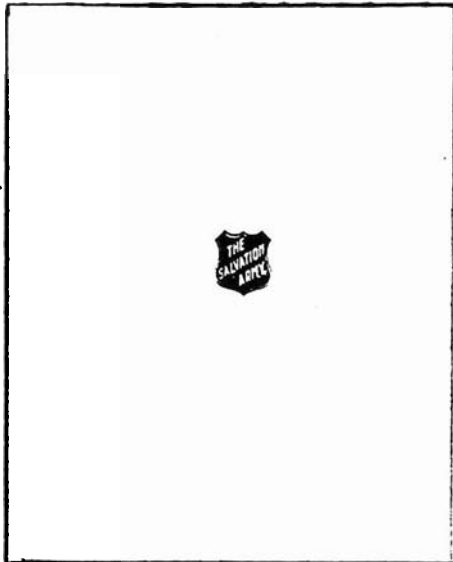
Xmas, 1914
New Year, 1915

No. 2 Co. DIVISIONAL TRAIN,
1ST CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.



S.A. XMAS--By Leslie
G. Clinton

These Christmas cards were supplied by the Salvation Army Red Shield Auxiliary Services during WWII. The message and format of both cards is the same, but the Service name on the front is different. Does any reader know if a similar card was in use for the RCN? [Our indefatigable naval correspondent, Wilf Whitehouse, has noted he has not seen any. Have others? Ed.]



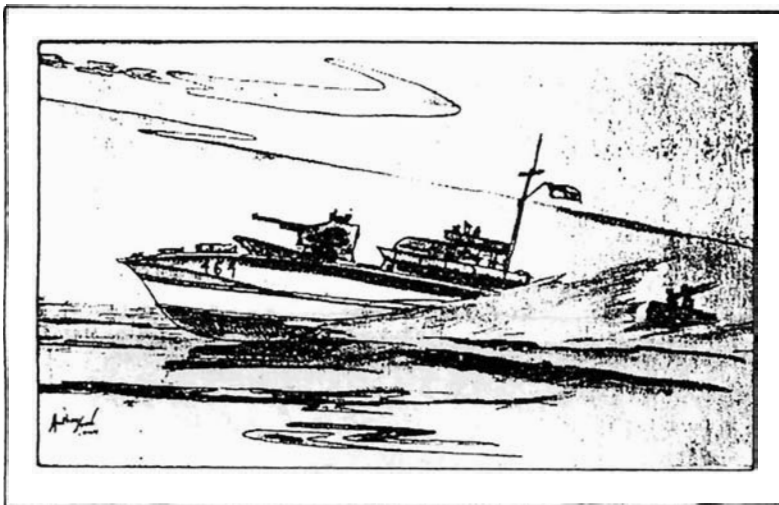
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ANTHONY LAW, RCNVR/RCN ARTIST--By W.D. Whitehouse

Among the many Canadian Naval officers who went to England on loan to the Royal Navy in 1940 was a young artist by the name of Anthony (Tony) Law from Quebec City. A number of these officers along with Tony Law were assigned to the R.N. Coastal Forces, in particular the Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) Flotillas.

After serving in British MTB Flotillas Lt. C. Anthony Law, RCNVR, was promoted to Lt.Cmdr. and given command of the newly-formed Canadian MTB 29th Flotilla, just in time for D-Day operations in the Channel where he won the D.S.C.

Since his arrival in England Tony Law had been providing numerous naval canvases to the National Gallery of Canada and the Canadian War Museum. For Christmas of 1944 he prepared a drawing which the 29th Flotilla used on the face of its Christmas card.



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year.*

29th Canadian M.T.B. Flotilla.

Xmas 1944.

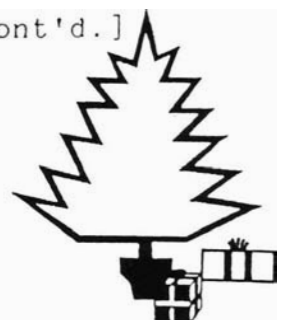
In February 1945 five of the 29th Flotilla's boats were in Ostend, Belgium, when fire broke out [and] all five of the RCN and seven RN MTB's were lost together with over sixty officers and ratings. The 29th Flotilla was disbanded as a result of this accident.

At the end of WWII, Lt.Cmdr. Law transferred to the RCN and for Christmas of 1946 a drawing by him was used by Uganda on the face of its Christmas card showing the ship off Gibraltar. [I]nside was the ship's badge and a greeting [see illustration over].

[Cont'd.]



Season's Greetings





H. M. C. S. Uganda

With Hearty Christmas Greetings
and Every Good Wish
for the New Year

from John.



After commanding his own ship and being promoted to Commander, he was appointed Executive Officer aboard Labrador in 1956 for Eastern Arctic operations. During this deployment he provided the National Gallery with canvases and sketches of scenes in the Arctic.

No doubt there are a number of post-war Christmas cards produced for the various ships this remarkably talented officer commanded. Can any of the members provide illustrations?

<p>Airmen's Miss</p> <p>Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1945 - 1946</p> <p><small>"For unto you is born this day, in the City of David a Son who will be King: and unto you is born this day, in the highest and on earth Peace and Goodwill towards men."</small></p>	<p>Menu</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Celery Curls</td> <td>Olives</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chilled Tomato Juice Cocktail</td> <td>Ritz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savory Dressing</td> <td>Roast Turkey</td> <td>Giblet Gravy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pickles</td> <td>Cranberry Sauce</td> <td>Relish</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Paralied Potatoes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corn Kiblets</td> <td>Green Peas</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Salad</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rolls</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Plum Pudding, Rum Sauce</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Candies</td> <td></td> <td>Nuts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coffee</td> <td>Cream</td> <td>Beer</td> </tr> </table>	Celery Curls	Olives	Chilled Tomato Juice Cocktail	Ritz	Savory Dressing	Roast Turkey	Giblet Gravy	Pickles	Cranberry Sauce	Relish		Paralied Potatoes		Corn Kiblets	Green Peas			Salad			Rolls		Christmas Plum Pudding, Rum Sauce			Candies		Nuts	Coffee	Cream	Beer
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1945 GANDER XMAS--By
A.D. Hanes



CHRISTMAS IN ITALY, 1944--By Bill Pekonen



MILITARY SOCIETIES' INFORMATION

As members know, ours is not the only military study group in existence and often our interests coincide with other groups. Members may wish other contact addresses so this information may be helpful. The FPHS (right) is primarily focussed on Commonwealth areas. The Military Postal History Society (primarily U.S. material) can be contacted at: Secretary G. Cosentini, 12421 Banuelo Cove, San Diego, CA 92130-2277. The Civil Censorship Study Group: C.J. LaBlonde, America's Secretary, 2940 Underwood Point #5, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. The European/World Secretary's address of Chris Miller can be found elsewhere in the N/L. The Editor can be also contacted for more information. [Ed.]

THE FORCES POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1952 to bring together collectors interested in the postal history of the Armed Forces of all countries at all times, whether in war or peace time, including the study of postmarks, cachets, postage rates, prisoner-of-war mail, stamps and stationery, censorship and the organisation of postal services.

The Society has over three hundred and fifty members in many parts of the world.

A Newsletter is published quarterly and postal auctions held quarterly when possible. Regular meetings are held in London and other centres.

For further details of membership write to:

Mr. K. Tranmer
100 Ramsgill Drive, Newbury Park
Ilford, Essex IG2 7TP U.K.



WWII YMCA P.O.W. CARDS

These two items are from Cavendish Auction's Dec.'96 sale of the late Alan J. Brown's collection. Note the unusual front with special printing on the Fredericton card [Ed.].



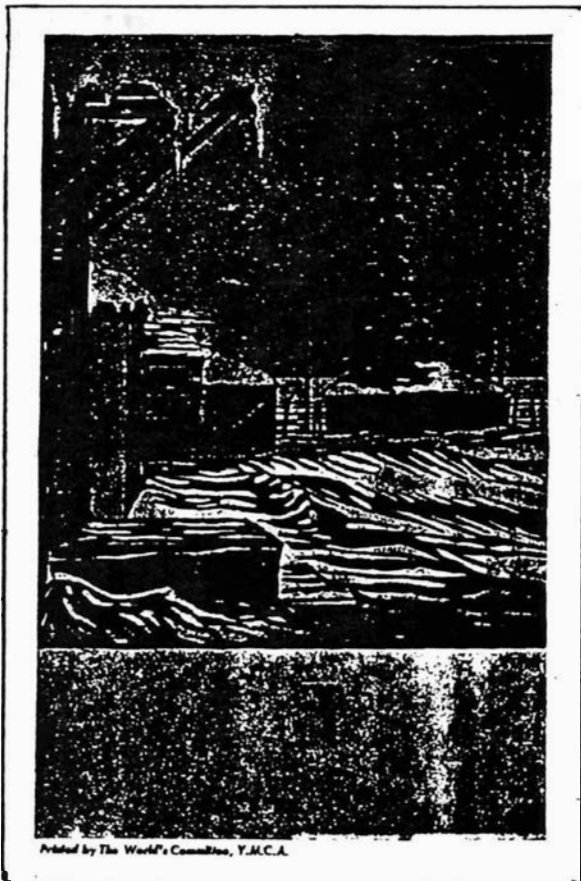
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FREE
 FRANC DE PORT

PRISONER OF WAR MAIL

Capt. W. H. Pritchard
57 Broadway
New-York-N.Y.
U.S.A.

EXAMINED BY CENSOR 284

Sender *W. H. Pritchard* No. *284*
 Rank *Capt. B. P. 690* Service *K.P. 690*
 Internment Camp "Fredericton"
 BASE POST OFFICE - OTTAWA, CANADA
Fredericton N.B.



PRISONER OF WAR MAIL **FREE**
 FRANC DE PORT

Sender..... No.....
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 BASE POST OFFICE - OTTAWA, CANADA



XMAS 1917--By J.C. Campbell

G.B.B. Lt. Col. Weyle W. (Surf)

Christmas Day, 1917

Johnston H.C.B.
MENU
for all Canadian Troops in Training in England

1044 Pte. W. McDonald C.A.M.C.
Breakfast *H. Con. Gen. Hoop*
ROLLED OATS / *Salmon*
SCRAMBLED EGGS AND BACON
BREAD BUTTER COFFEE

Pte. L. V. Parker
Dinner *R.L.D.*
SCOTCH BROTH / *France.*
ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING
SALAD APPLE SAUCE
CABBAGE MASHED POTATOES
CHRISTMAS PUDDING VANILLA SAUCE
BREAD

Supper
COLD BEER / *COLL. ALLEY*
COLD SLAW / *ALSO*
MINCE PIES / *BLANCMANGE*
BREAD BUTTER TEA

In addition to above a Cash Allowance of 4/- per Man will be expended regimentally from Canteen Funds

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and the Best of Luck in the New Year

Handwritten signatures and notes are scattered throughout the menu, including names like 'Pte. L. V. Parker', 'R.L.D.', and 'France.'.

FORTHCOMING CANADA BOOK



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
Assistance is needed in providing the information necessary to produce a comprehensive book on Canada during World War II. This will include not only civil censorship but also Foreign Exchange Control and perhaps also various patriotic items of the period. The scope may be wider than other books in the British Empire Civil Censorship Devices series to justify a separate book and to increase its sale following discussion with other specialist societies. The Secretary (Europe) is co-ordinating this venture. If you can help please get in touch.

Particularly needed are clear copies of the earlier censorship markings and labels and also copies of any official forms. Copies of Foreign Exchange Control district office markings are also needed together with any forms used except the resealing labels from 15 February 1940. Copies of the earlier labels used even if originally provided for other purposes are also needed.

Have you any details of mail that was returned or otherwise not passed by the censor or the Foreign Exchange Control authorities? What about the memoranda and circulars issued by either the censors or Foreign Exchange Control Board?

R.W. Smith
Guard over No. 25

Chas. H. Knight
3rd Field Amb

The General Officer commanding Canadian Forces in the British Isles extends to all ranks under his command his Heartiest Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

R. E. W. TURNER, Lt.-Gen.
Commanding Canadian Forces in the British Isles

Headquarters,
Canadian Overseas Military Forces in the British Isles
London, W.
25th December, 1917



INFORMATION SOUGHT

The Civil Censorship Group is seeking the information noted at left. Members who can help are welcome to contact Chris Miller, 161 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7JR, U.K. [Ed.]



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RAF WWI--By Colin
Pomfret

ROYAL AIR FORCE

1918-1919

*With the Season's Greetings**To Little May.**from Leonard.*

MEMBER AWARDS

Our Study Group members continue to excel and it is nice to finally see recognition of military exhibits and their importance within philately. Here's a brief listing of members' military exhibits recently (non-military exhibits will be noted as well).

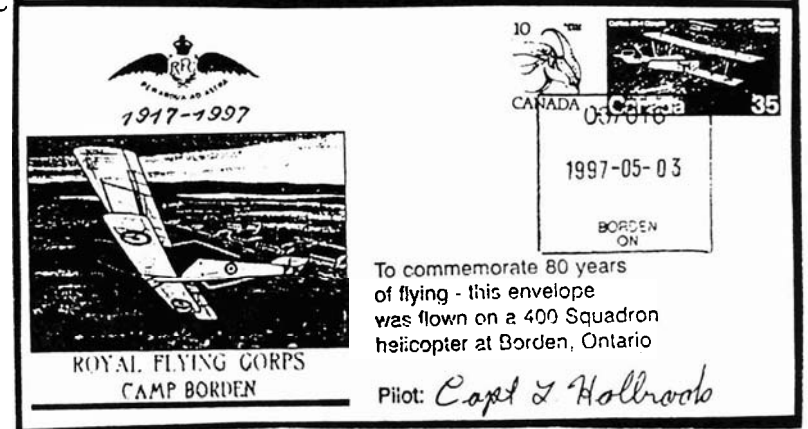
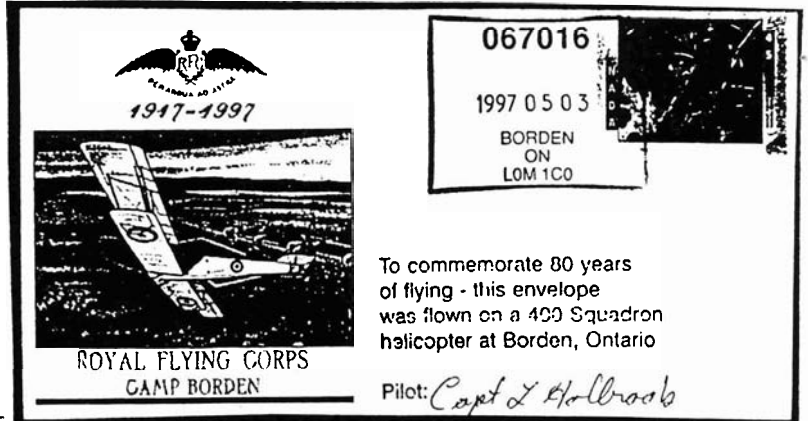
PACIFIC '97: W.J. Bailey/E.R. Toop, Canadian Military Post Offices to 1993 (Second Ed.), Silver; W.G. Robinson "Mail Censorship in Canada-WWI", Silver; R. Bayes, Large Silver; R.F. Narbonne, Large Bronze; C. Hargreaves, Large Bronze.

BNAPEX '97: J. Wannerton "Canadian Contingents in the S.A. War", Gold; K. O'Reilly, Vermeil/Nickle; C.A. Stillions, Vermeil; W.G. Robinson, Vermeil; E.L. Covert, Gold, Silver.

ROYAL '97: R. Bayes, Gold; W.G. Robinson, "Canadian Participation in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902", Gold, PHSC Certificate; E. Harris, Vermeil; S. Luciuk, "Internment Mail in Canada, 1914-19, 1939-46", Vermeil; W. Pawluk, Silver (1-frame); J. Smith, Silver (2); L.G. Clinton, Silver (2); R. Toombs, "WWI German E. Africa", Silver (1-frame), "Empire to Commonwealth, Canada at Peace and War", Silver; D. Mario "Allied Forces in Iceland, 1940-46", Silver; E.L. Covert, Vermeil, Silver with Felicitations, AAPE Pin. My apologies for any errors or omissions. [Ed.]

CAMP BORDEN COVERS-80 YEARS

Member A.D. Hanes has had commissioned these attractive covers for the 80th anniversary of flying at Camp Borden. An old "Jenny" (J4) aircraft is the cachet. A limited number (Dave notes 48 covers were flown on a 400 Sqn. "copter") are for sale and the top cover is \$2 each and the bottom is \$3. Contact Dave at 33 Lillian Cresc., Barrie, ON L4N 4P8. [Dave would appreciate a sase, business-size if possible. Ed.]



SMALL ADS

Small ads will be accepted from members. One insertion of up to four lines for a "Loonie"! Please send your ad with "real" money or mint (Canadian) stamps to the Editor's attention:

WANTED: UNFICYP mail cancelled CFPO 26 in 1964 (HMCS Bonaventure transp'ting UN soldiers to Cyprus). Also other UN Forces & Observers' mail incl. Korean War. Can buy or exchange for other UN mail. Willem Put, Postbus 23175, 3001 KD, Rotterdam, Netherlands. E-Mail: putw@worldonline.nl (2/2)

WANTED: Airmail covers to/from MPO #314 (31 S.F.T.S.) Kingston, ON, 1942-45. Will trade or buy. Chris Hargreaves, 4060 Bath Rd., Kingston, ON K7M 4Y4 (1/1)

WANTED: Generous offer for the item on p.18 of the Anthology! Still need WWI Nfld. material--these ads work, I found a card of the Florizel! Copies to D. Mario please. Thanks! (2/2)

KITCHEN, Ron — (R.C.A.F. C.W.O. - Retired). Radar Tech in W.W.II (162 Squadron) and in various related positions until retirement in 1974. Member National Capital Area Dodo Bird Club, Legion Branch 16 and Canadian Forces Philatelic Society. Also Gloucester Historical Society and other historical and genealogical societies. At home, as he wished, on Sunday, August 3, 1997. He leaves behind his primary school friend and "pride and joy" of 55 years, wife Lillian Kerr. Also mourning his passing are children Jean, Robin (Christine), and Marian and grandchildren Laila (Todd Reis) of Hawaii and Arthur, Reena, Fiona and Tristan of Ottawa. Predeceased by his parents Jacob Henry Kitchen of Lloydtown, Ontario and Jean Guthrie Heron of Lochee, Dundee, Scotland. Born in Vancouver, December 18, 1919, his early prewar life was spent in Toronto where he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. Graduated from No. 31 RDF School, Clinton, Ontario in 1942. Always modest about his achievements, he treasured memories of working on the development and installation of W.W. II radar, and the radar design of the Canadian Forces Sabre and AVRO Arrow. Since retirement he has lived in Gloucester, Ontario right to the end, when he succumbed to pancreatic cancer, in his 78th year. He thought "It's a Great Big Beautiful World." in his memory, a donation to a cancer research society or the V.O.N. Palliative Care Service would be appreciated.

THE TORONTO STAR Tuesday, August 5