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OUR 25th* YEAR!

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THE CDN. MACHINE GUN BRIGADE



Germany
Balogue

Best Wishes
 for a Merry Xmas and a
 Happy New Year,

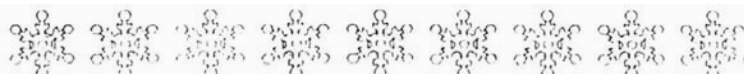
From *Sgt. Truly Love to all*
18/12/18

No land illumined by yonder Sun
 Can more inspiring be than one,
 Where my fond visions roam,
 O'er prairies wide, thro' forests grand
 My love is thine, thou lavish land,
 Fair Canada, my home.

"Grant Balfour."



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THE GREAT WAR ARMISTICE, EIGHTY YEARS AGO

End of World War Assured

Armistice Terms Signed and Germany Kneels to Allies

"The German delegates signed the armistice terms at six o'clock (French time) and hostilities end at eleven o'clock this morning."

This message heralded throughout the world Monday morning announcing that hostilities had ceased was received with acclamation by all countries at war.

The welcome message was received in Outlook early in the morning, but as the citizens had been hoaxed by the fake message of Thursday, the celebrating was held over until the daily papers arrived giving fuller particulars, although there was no doubt as to the authenticity of the latest news. During the evening several bonfires, with an effigy of the Kaiser as centrepiece, were lighted, and while whistles blew and guns were fired, there were shouts of joy as the image of the hated war lord was burning fiercely. The round-house employes started a huge bonfire just outside the building, blew their whistles and made things generally lively which was greatly appreciated by the crowd present.

Saturday the message announcing the abdication of the Kaiser was received so the message of Monday created no surprise, the signing of the armistice being expected.

Reports from Germany stated that nearly the entire German empire is in revolution with the Socialists in power, and that the ex-emperor together with Crown Prince, Von Hindenburg, and others of his staff had fled to Holland Sunday morning. Several of the German kings have left their thrones and with dukes, princes and other luminaries have gone to neutral countries or in hiding.

Just before the cessation of hostilities the Canadians captured the city of Mons, from where the big

allied retreat was made.

A notable feature of the Kaiser's abdication is that he relinquished his throne on the anniversary of the late King Edward's birthday (Nov. 9).

The terms of armistice which the Allied powers made Germany sign prior to the cessation of hostilities are now published. They include, on the military side, Cessation of all military operations, Evacuation of all invaded territory, Repatriation of all inhabitants of invaded territory, Surrender of 5000 heavy guns, 30,000 machine guns, 3000 minenwerfer and 2000 airplanes, Occupation of countries on left of the Rhine, No evacuation of inhabitants, no damage done to property during evacuation, the right of requisition in all occupied territory, Sick and wounded to be cared for by Germany, All German troops shall withdraw from frontiers, Allies to have access to all evacuated territory, Unconditional capitulation of German forces in East Africa, Financial reparation for all damage done, restitution of all valuables, including gold.

On the naval side the terms cover also the cessation of all hostilities, All naval prisoners of war to be repatriated, Surrender to the Allies 160 submarines, six battleships, eight light destroyers, two mine-layers, 50 destroyers, The right to sweep all mine fields, Freedom of access to the Baltic, All Black Sea ports to be evacuated, Germany to reveal all mines and help to destroy them, All merchant ship belonging to the Allies to be restored, No transfer of German merchant ships to neutral flags, The duration of the armistice is to be for thirty days with option to extend, with 48 hours to denounce on the part of contracting parties.

Lest We Forget

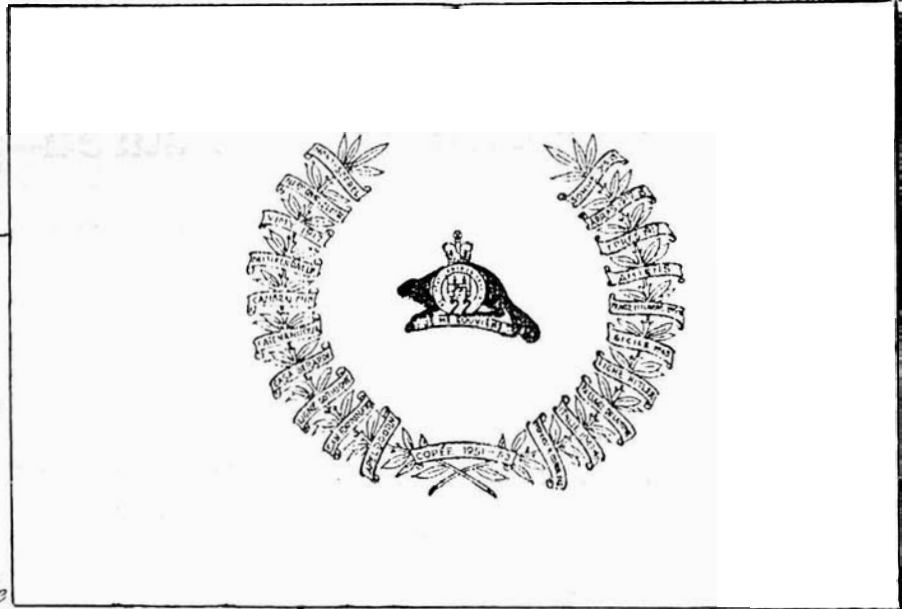


JOINT MARITIME WARFARE SCHOOL

--By A.D. Hanes



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM
THE "VAN DOO'S"



Joyeux Noël

et

Bonne Année



*a toi et à tous les membres du Régiment
qui sont avec toi à l'école*

*Amicalement
Sergent-major du Régiment*



*Xmas 1944
Caman.*

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


Christmas Greetings

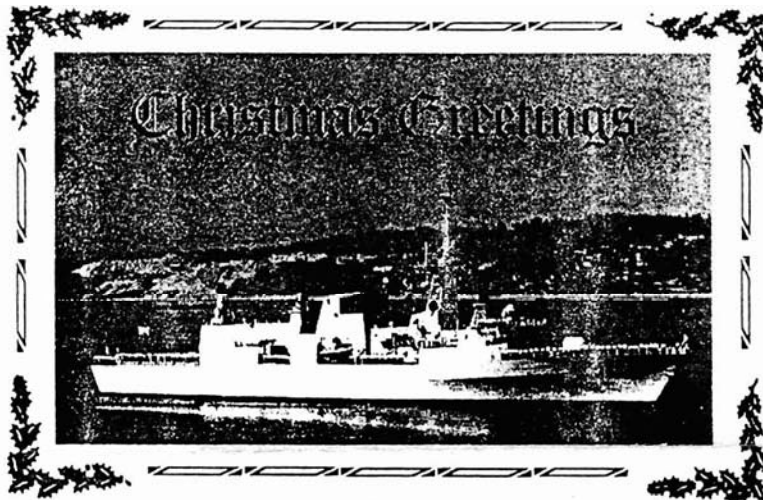
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE OVERSEAS

THE RCAF OVERSEAS FORCES 1944

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE R.C.N.--By Wilf Whitehouse

Wilfred
KIND THOUGHTS

It's a long, long trail this Christmas,
That winds from me, to you,
But my thoughts span all the distance
And I know that yours will too.



H.M.C.S. "REGINA"

Very belated Merry Xmas
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George.



[rev.]

This card is a reproduction of the original Christmas cards sent by H.M.C.S. Regina for Christmas 1942.



Seasons Greetings

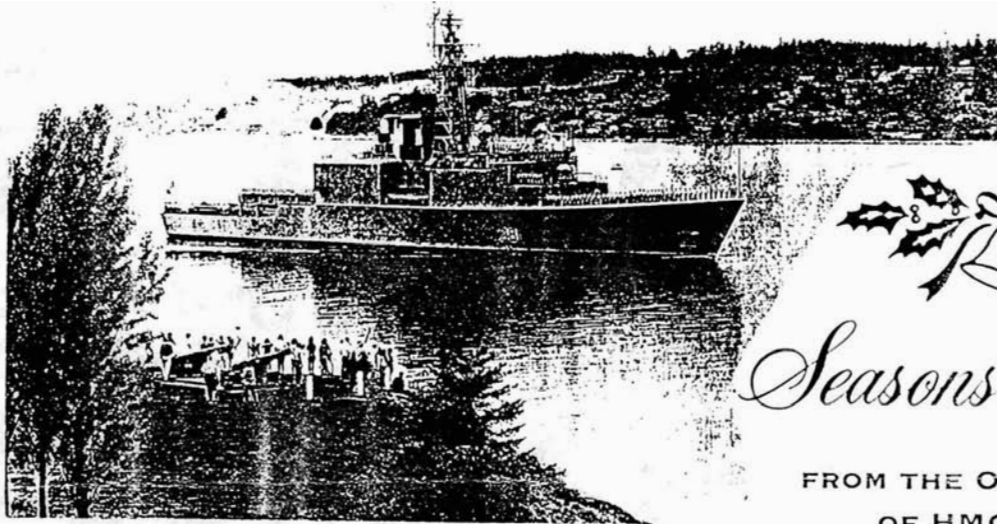
May the Peace and Happiness of the

Season be yours today and every day

throughout the New Year
From
the Chiefs & Petty Officers
of
H.M.C.S. Winnipeg
"Best of the Season"



H.M.C.S. WINNIPEG



H M C S HURON

The current HMCS HURON is the second to bear that name. Built by Marine Industries Limited in Sorel, Quebec, HURON was commissioned on 16 December 1972 - the second of four Tribal class destroyers. She is 426 feet long, has a beam of 50 feet and a masthead height of 136 feet. She carries a crew of approximately 290 officers and men.


While originally designed for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), the Tribal class destroyers have been modified into Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) ships while maintaining their ASW capabilities. This change was completed through the Tribal Update and Modernization Program (TRUMP). HURON is the last ship to complete this mid-life conversion.


Seasons Greetings

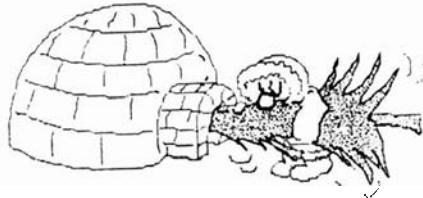
FROM THE OFFICERS & MEN
OF HMCS HURON

*Best of the Season
from
the Chief and Petty Officers*

 PARADISE
ISLAND
MARKETING

 Recycle! Use less of our paper &
100% tree-free, fibre from
premium Canadian softwood logs.

** Keepsake Cards (P92) by
Victoria, B.C., Canada



CALL FOR DUES!!!

It's that time again to call out for membership dues. A blue notice will be enclosed if your dues are due! Kindly send payments to Bill Bailey on or before January 1, 1999. Prices remain the same for members ie. \$10CDN for Canadian addresses and \$10US for those in the U.S. or for international members because of the higher postage rates.

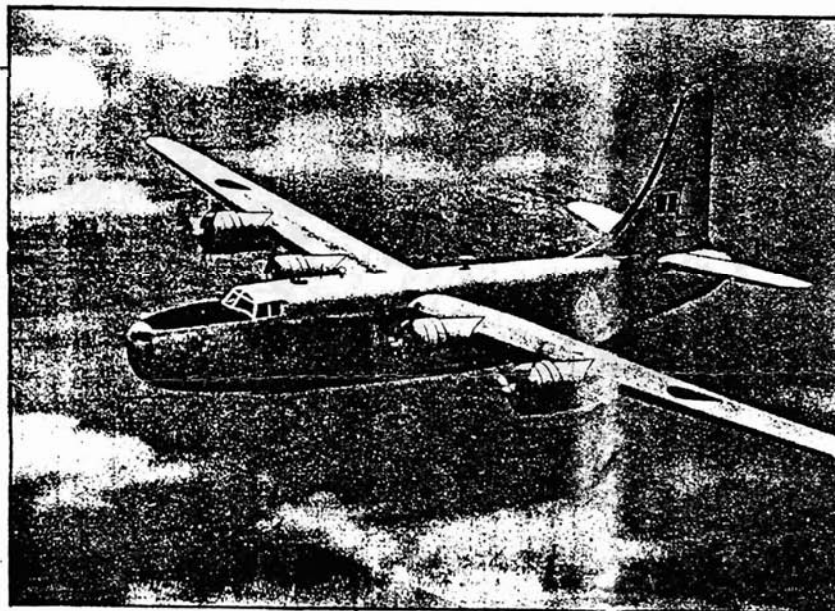
Members will note that we had our last call for dues in February 1996 so membership in our group is definitely a "good deal financially"!

Feel free to jot down any comments on the reverse of the blue form or direct your comments to myself if one is not enclosed. Thank you very much and we'll hope for 100% membership return rate! [Ed.]

Just a reminder



NO. 45 ATLANTIC TRANSPORT GROUP--By A.D. Hanes



WITH BEST WISHES FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Andrew & Kate

No. 45 (Atlantic Transport) Group
Royal Air Force
Dorval, P.Q.



BNAPEX 1998 ORLANDO

Ken Ellison sent along some comments regarding the Annual Convention held in Florida:

"Six members attended an informal CMMSG meeting: Ken Ellison, Peter Gray, Jon Johnson, Robert Lemire, Doug Lingard, and C.A. Stillions. A general talk about military matters was organized."

Thanks Ken for the information. I didn't see any military exhibits in the palmares but congratulations are extended to Group members who did exhibit non-military ones. Next year's BNAPEX will be held in Vernon, B.C. at the Vernon Lodge from September 16-18. Please contact Bill Bailey should you wish to present a small programme for the Study Group meeting.

Start thinking about an exhibit for the show too. It's never too early!
[Ed.]

ARMED FORCES RECRUITMENT CENTRE'S GREETINGS



Les forces Armées canadiennes

Le Commandant
et le personnel
du

Centre de recrutement
des Forces canadiennes

offrent

leurs meilleurs souhaits à l'occasion
de Noël et du Nouvel An

J. Brindamour;





THE Best of Good Wishes for
a Merry Xmas
and a Happy New Year

From

Your Fddy

12th Canadian Reserve Battalion,
Witley Camp, Surrey.

Christmas, 1918.

12TH CDN. RESERVE BTN. 1918

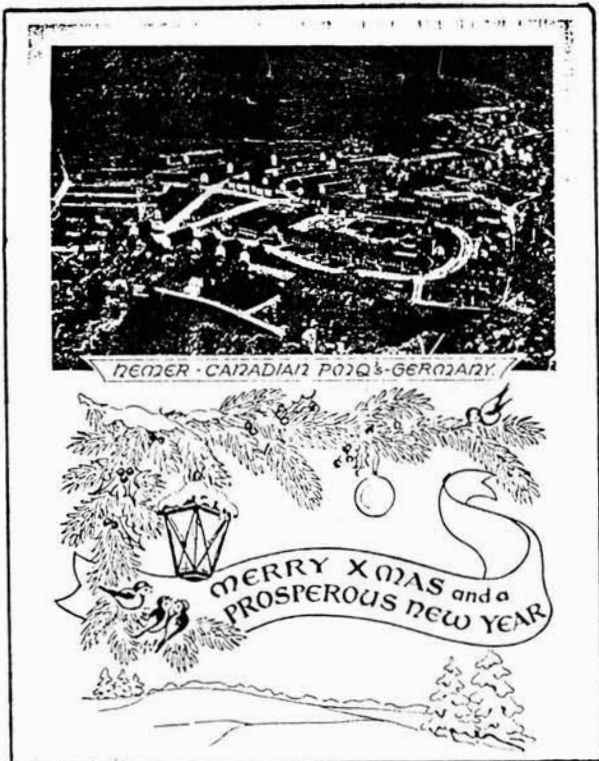
*Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year*



GREETINGS FROM SCOTLAND ON AN A.F.A.L., DEC. 1945--By L.G. Clinton

"SALLY ANN'S" CHRISTMAS WRITING STATIONERY 1944--By L.G. Clinton





SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM CFPO 40/41, 1961-70

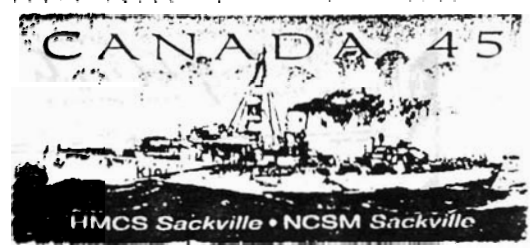


RCAF GREETINGS
WWII



CANADA'S SALUTE TO THE RCNVR

Canada Post's Remembrance Day 1998 issue of stamps (pictured right) honours the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Naval Reserve. The Naval Reserve provided some 88% of Canada's wartime personnel manned when the Second World War broke out. The last surviving Canadian Corvette, HMCS Sackville, is now part of Halifax's Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and is open to visitors. HMCS Shawinigan, a modern MCDV (Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel) was launched in 1996. [Ed.]



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. . .RESPONSES TO ENQUIRIES IN THE LAST ISSUE (NO. 136)

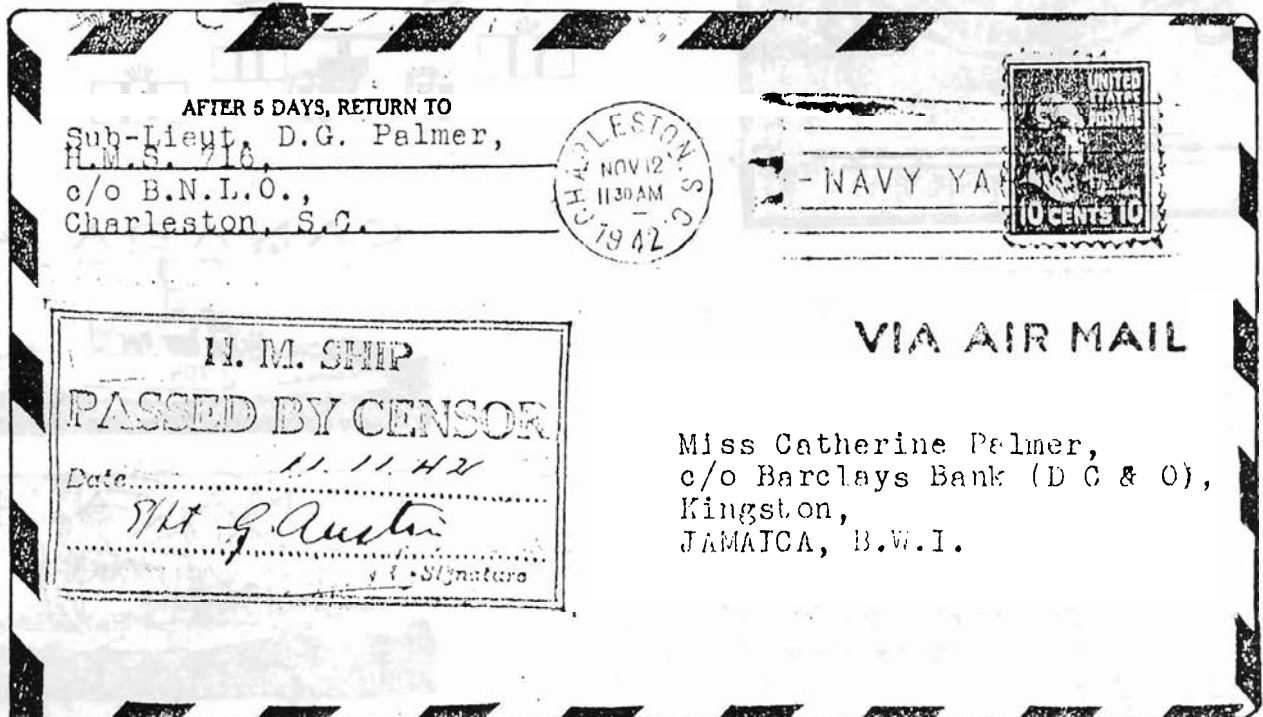
1) From Bill Robinson regarding Kevin O'Reilly's Emergency R.P.O. (p. 362):

"There was no apparent reason for MPO 1108 to use an emergency hammer. They had two--proofed August 22, 1942 and March 26, 1943. Also, they would have used a Vancouver District hammer in B.C., rather than an Edmonton hammer.

A possible explanation is that the Prince of Wales Rangers were sent east on the CNR, possibly to McBride, at some time in 1943. This marking was applied there when the letter was posted on the Edmonton & Prince George RPO. A replacement hammer for Ludlow W-43, Hammer 2 was proofed September 15, 1943, while additional hammers 5, 6, and 7 were proofed July 19, 1943. This seems to reveal a shortage of hammers on this busy run in late June 1943. The only true test of this theory would be to find other covers from this unit during the same period with other B.C. town marks along this line, or Edmonton & Prince George RPO markings. Does anyone have any comments?" [Thanks Bill. Well, does anyone have similar covers to Kevin's which will help add to the story? Ed.]

2) From John Daynes regarding Jim Felton's H.M. SHIP censor (p. 363):

"I enclose photocopies of two covers from the same sender. One has the return address 'H.M.S. 716'. I have as yet been unable to obtain further details about this ship (it must be a small one otherwise it would have a name!). I am sure that you already know that 'BNLO' is the British Naval Liaison Officer and 'TRNVR' was the Trinidad Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. While I'm afraid this does not answer your question about Lt. Moreland it may be of interest." [Thanks John. Do members have an idea about H.M.S. 716? Responses welcomed. Ed.]



[Cont'd.]

From, -Sub-Lieut. D.G. Palmer TRNVR,
Fleet Mail Office, Port of Spain,
TRINIDAD.

[rev.]

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO



3.32

VIA AIR MAIL

H. M. SHIP
PASSED BY CENSOR

Date..... 3. 8. 43
Robert Palmer
Signature

Mrs. J. Palmer,
c/o Miss M. Palmer,
c/o Barclays Bank (D.C & O),
Kingston,
JAMAICA B.W;I.

SMALL ADS

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

FOR SALE: Mainly World War One cards and covers etc. Send for priced lists. J.C. Campbell, #303-1260 Raymer Ave., Kelowna, BC V1W 3S8 (1/1)

FOR SALE/TRADE: Bailey/Toop Cdn. Military Posts, V.II (1920-1946), VF condition. Will trade for Gould/Proud History British Army Postal Service, V.III (1927-1963). Contact the Editor.(2/2)

WANTED: Cdn. military postmarks on cover from Korean War. Needed for exhibit: CFPO 25 (without dash); CFPO 28 (with/without); CFPO 29 (without); CFPO 30 (with/without); CFPO 32. Also registration/other markings. S. Luciuk, 1542 E. Heights, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3B5 (2/3)

WANTED: Newfoundland WWI covers/cards. Everything! The Editor.(1/2)



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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!:

- T.E. ALMOND, 2 FILBERT DR., TILEHURST, READING, RG31 5DZ, U.K.
- MICHAEL FALLS, 575 VIRGINIAN DR., NORFOLK, VA 23505-4242 U.S.A.
-COLLECTS ICELAND IN WWII INCL. ALLIED FORCES' MAIL/GREENLAND
- P. CHARLES LIVERMORE, 100-08 ASCAN AVE., FOREST HILLS, NY 11375 U.S.A.
- DR. GARY N. McLEAN, 2295 GORDON AVE., ST. PAUL, MN 55108 U.S.A.
-COLLECTS CDN. FORCES IN KOREA

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ADD TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST:

- CHARLES J. LABLONDE, CIVIL CENSORSHIP S.G., 2940 UNDERWOOD POINT #5, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920 U.S.A. [exchange Newsletters]
- CHRISTOPHER MILLER, WWII STUDY GROUP, 161 UPPER WOODCOTE RD., CAVERSHAM, READING, BERKS., RG4 7JR, U.K. [exchange Newsletters]

NEW ADDRESS:

- DR. BRIAN C. PLAIN, MD, #802-5750 LARCH ST., VANCOUVER, BC V6M 4E2

Dear Fellow CMMSG Members:

This final Christmas issue of the Newsletter for 1998 brings best wishes from Bill and myself for a happy holiday season! We will return to the regular format of ten pages and hope that everyone will join us for 1999 and beyond by sending in their membership dues.

A copy of the Canadian Military Postal History Anthology has been donated on behalf of the CMMSG membership to the Canadian War Museum's Library. Another has been donated on behalf of the membership to the Civil Censorship Study Group Library (postage costs reimbursed). These donations will foster a greater awareness of our studies. Both were gratefully received with thanks.

Bill Robinson kindly provided a copy of the palmares from ILSAPEX '98, the International Exhibition held on October 20-25 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Group members did exceptionally well! Congratulations go to: John Wannerton, Gold, The Anglo-Boer War; W.J. Bailey & E.R. Toop (deceased), Large Vermeil, Military Postmarks of Canada; W.G. Robinson, Large Silver, Canadian Participation in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902. R.A. Bayes was presented with a Large Vermeil for a non-military exhibit. Well done!!!

Remember to send in material to the Editor--your participation is encouraged! Stay tuned next month for articles on HMCS Armentieres, R.C.A.F. Internees in Ireland in WWII, Victoria Army Barracks, an unusual Great War No. 3 Hospital censor marking, and much more!

Have a wonderful safe and happy holiday season and a fantastic 1999! Until January, keep warm and dry!!!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

and

BEST WISHES

FOR THE NEW YEAR

