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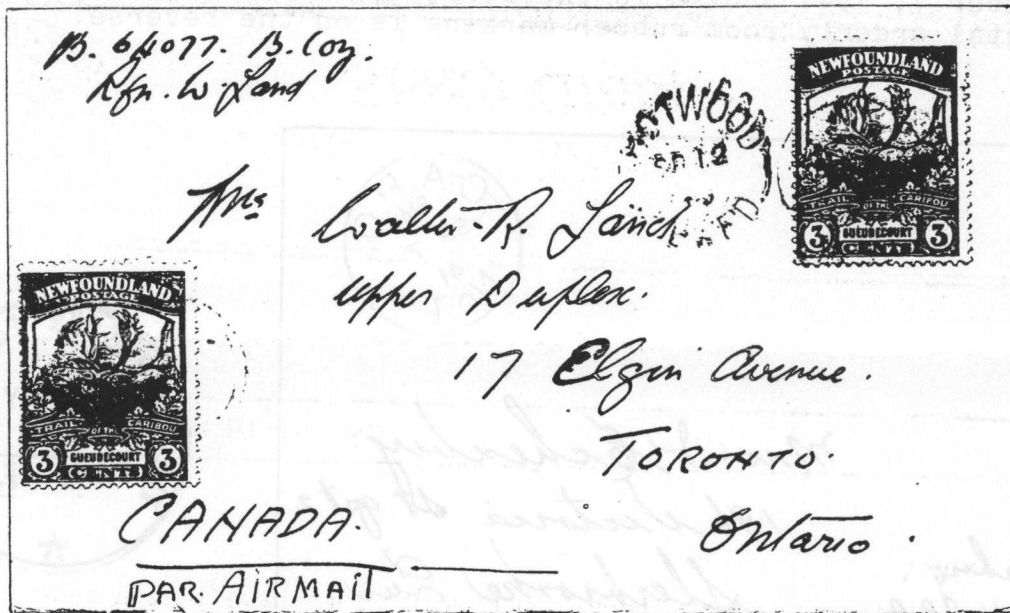
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NEWFOUNDLAND SECOND WORLD WAR POTPOURRI--By Kevin O'Reilly

[Kevin showed me some interesting covers at the BNAPS Breakfast during the Edmonton Spring National Show. He's kindly followed up with some photocopies for members. Some have questions attached and members' input would be appreciated. Ed.]

The following cover from Botwood, September 12, 1940, bears a green cork (?) killer tying the stamps. Note the return address and the censor's initials on the reverse. It's pre-CAPO No.3 which opened on September 1, 1941. [Has anyone another cover with the curious green "killer" which appears like a double-ring circle? Responses through the Editor please.]



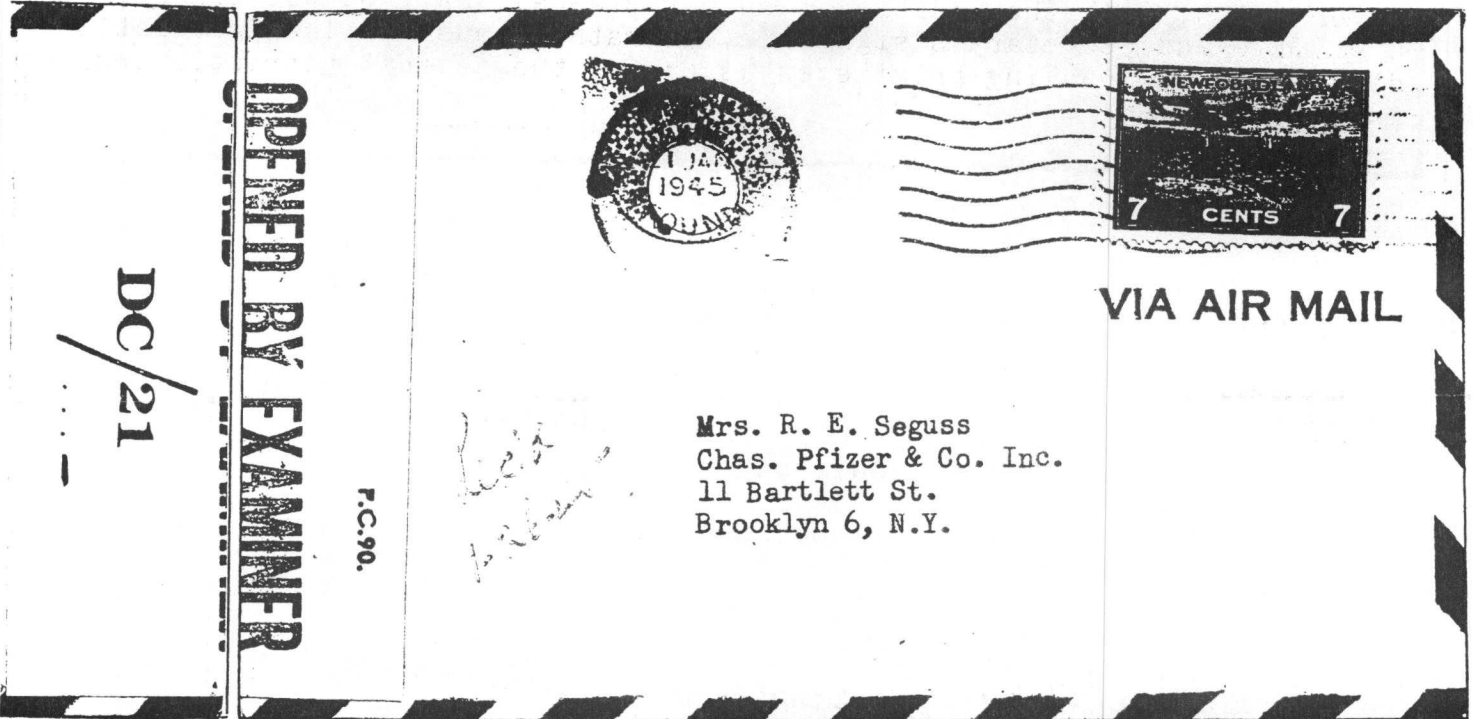
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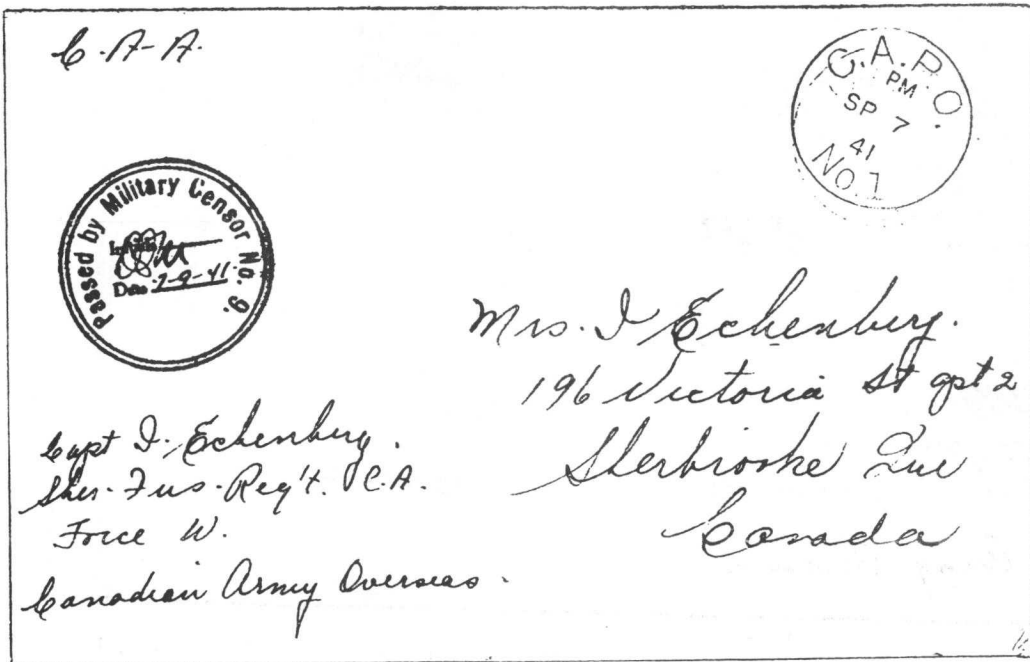
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This interesting rubber-stamped "blackout" was added to the St. John's machine cancellation. The cover bears a Newfoundland civil censor tape P.C.90/DC/21.



This September 7, 1941 strike is the first day of the CAPO No.1 hammer. The regimental orderly room rubber marking is on the reverse.



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[The Great War Veterans' Association of Newfoundland, originally known as "The Returned Soldiers and Sailors and Rejected Men's Association", came into existence in the spring of 1918. Its main headquarters was in St. John's, but it did have branches throughout the island. Kevin's cover below, with the additional rubber-stamped "BAY ROBERTS BRANCH, G.W.V.A." and secretary's signature, is rather unusual. The Association did have free-franking privileges as one of the several patriotic organizations in Newfoundland.Ed.]

The Great War Veterans' Association
of Newfoundland (Incorporated)



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BUILDING
ST. JOHN'S
NEWFOUNDLAND

BAY ROBERTS BRANCH

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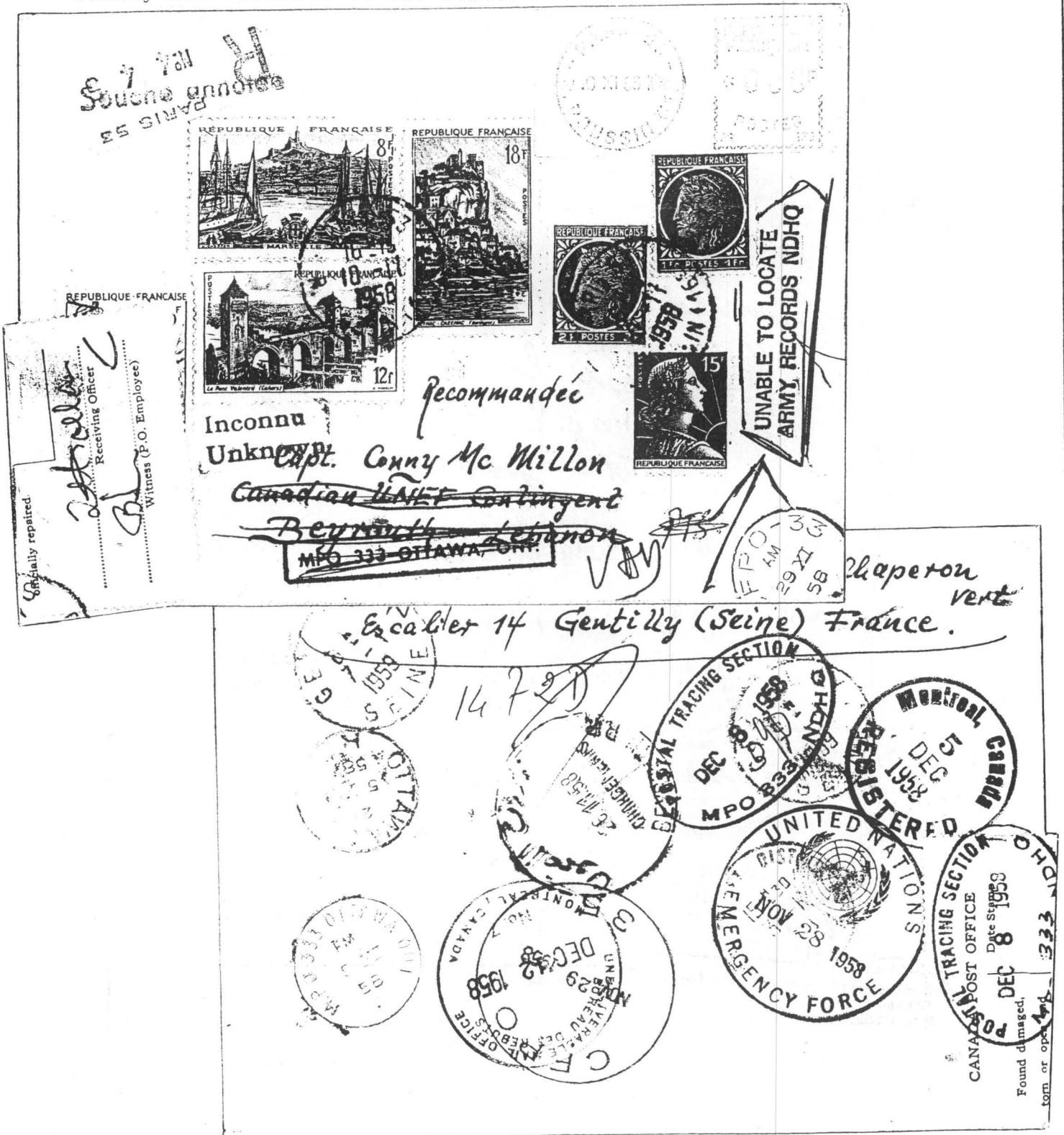
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The Canadian Postal Corps No.1 hammer was used earlier at CAPO No.1. It pre-dates the previously-seen CAPO No.1 date by five days. Note the orderly room handstamp is on the front.

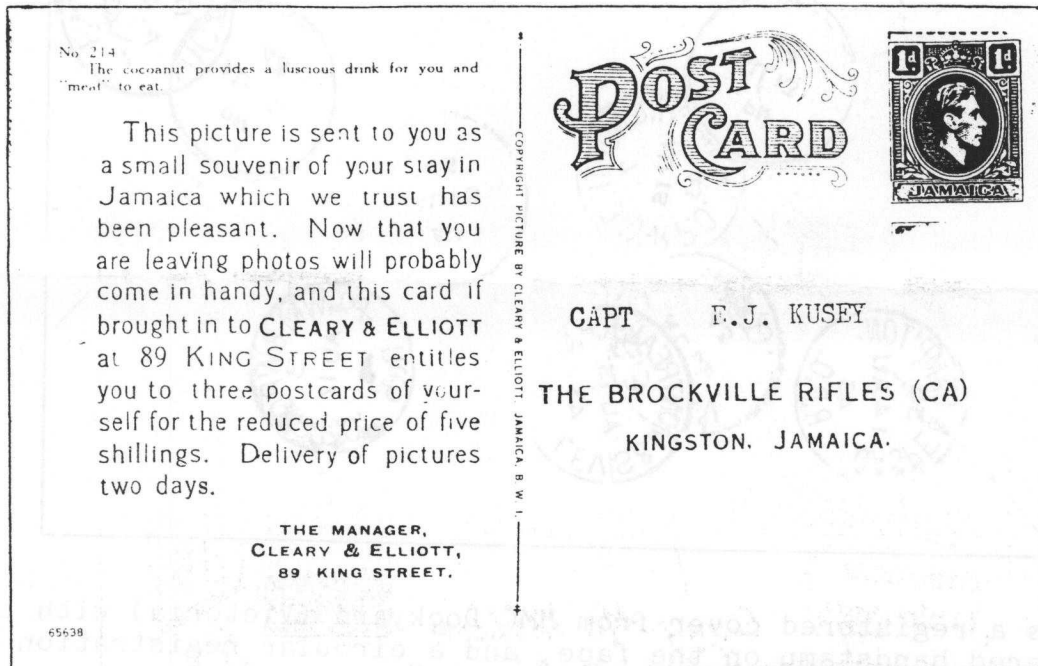
CANADIAN UNEF LEBANON 1958 RE-DIRECTED--By A. David Hanes

This is an interesting registered cover from Paris, France to a Captain McMillon, Canadian UNEF Contingent, Beyrouth, Lebanon. Obviously the chap could not be found as the cover has a wealth of Canadian and foreign markings: UN, CFPO's, MPO's, and civilian postal strikes! It eventually was returned to the sender.

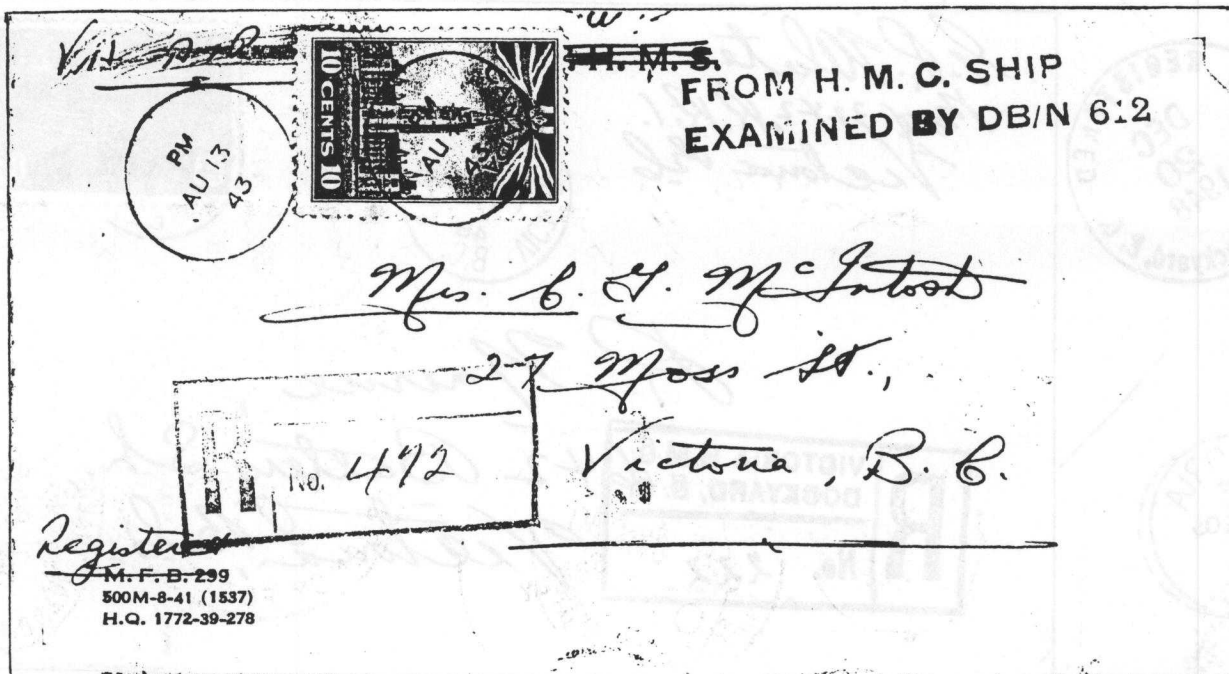


A Y-FORCE (JAMAICA) SOUVENIR

Several Canadian regiments maintained a garrison in Jamaica from 1940 to 1946. Here is a picture postcard, franked but unfortunately not post-marked, addressed to a Captain in the Brockville Rifles. Given the message, the card was obviously sent near the end of the Rifles' tour i.e. April 1946 (they served on Jamaica from August 5, 1944).



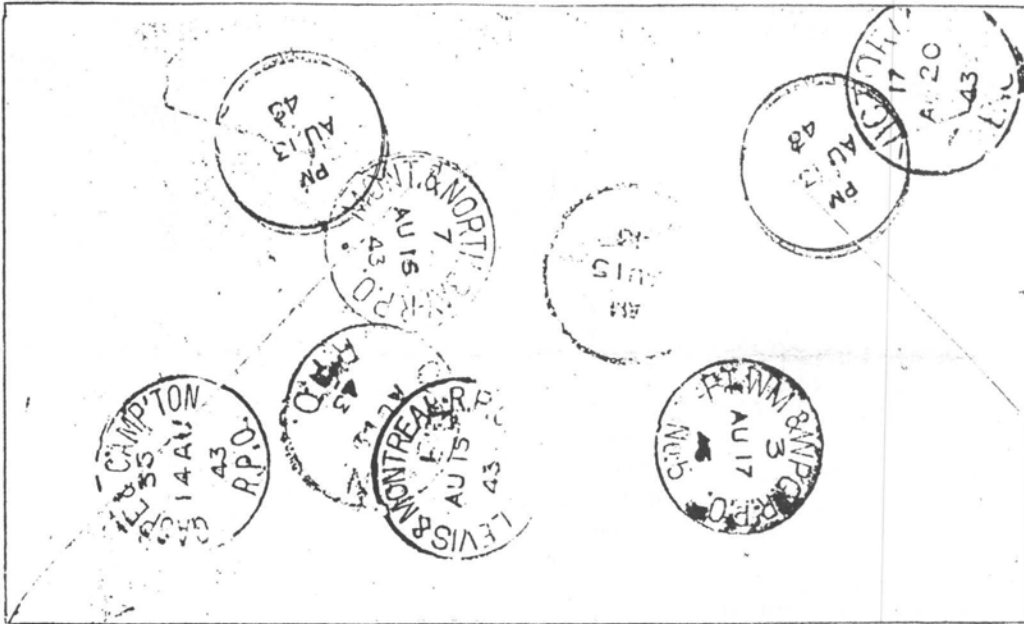
HMCS CHEDABUCTO AND VICTORIA HMC DOCKYARD--By Colin Pomfret



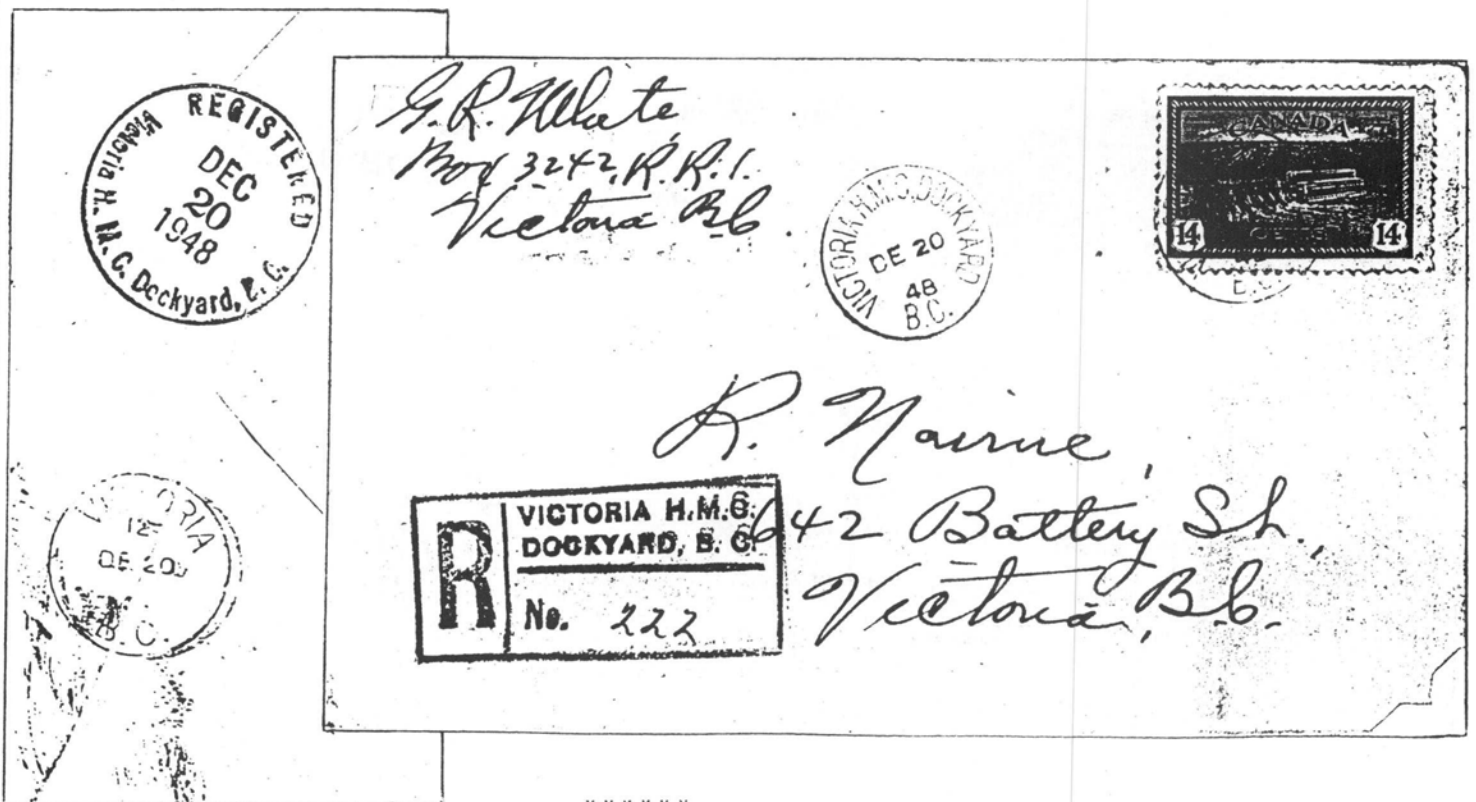
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The preceding cover (and reverse below) was posted at Gaspé, Quebec by Lt. C.G. McIntosh while serving on board HMCS Chedabucto, a Bangor Class minesweeper. It was sunk on the night of October 21, 1943 after a collision with the cable vessel Lord Kelvin.



Here is a registered cover from HMC Dockyard (Victoria) with the boxed registered handstamp on the face, and a circular registration handstamp on the reverse from December 1948.



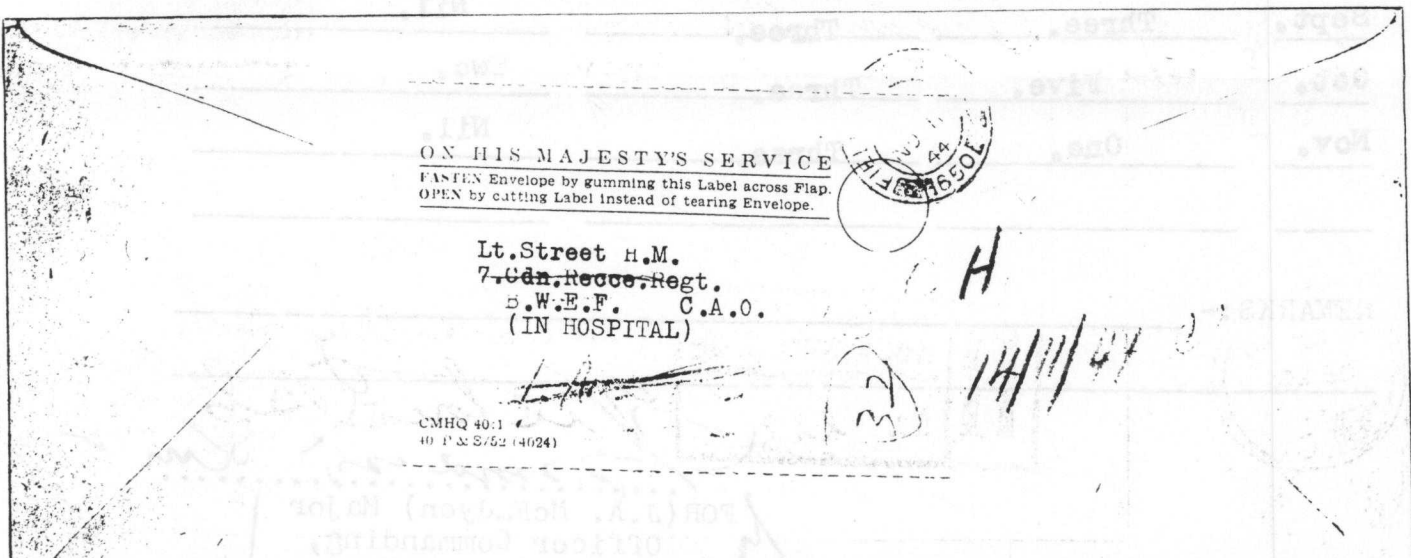
LITTLE NORWAY 1942 -By A. David Hanes

The following airmail cover was sent from Gravenhurst, Ontario to Sweden and bears the familiar O.A.T. marking. It also has the return address "Little Norway", Toronto, Ontario. Little Norway was in operation from October 9, 1941 until March 31, 1943. Little Norway (Muskoka) Post Office didn't open until April 2, 1943 (to April 2, 1945). This cover is dated December 8, 1942.



The Muskoka Station went into operation on May 4, 1942. This cover, then, shows a letter sent by a member of the Royal Norwegian Air Force from the Muskoka Station prior to the post office opening.

NO.2 CANADIAN TOBACCO DEPOT, 1944--By Mike Street



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File Ref. 2 CTD/CPO/1-0-1 0

NO. 2 Cdn. Tobacco Depot,
Canadian Postal Corps,

To.-
Lt. Street, H.M.
7. Cdn. Recce. Regt.
B.W.E.F. C.A.O.
In Hospital,
.....

11/11/44

1. In reply to your enquiry dated, ... 3. NOV. 44. ... regarding cigarettes.

2. Routine Order 4990 provides that the maximum number of tax free cigarettes of Cdn. manufacture which will be delivered through the mails to any one individual will be limited to 900 per month. If Orders are received in excess of this quantity, the addressee is notified.

3. Orders in excess of quota are filled as soon as quota allowance permits.

4. Under the present arrangements this depot functions only as a bonded warehouse carrying Consignment Stock on behalf of the Tobacco Companies concerned in the present Tobacco Scheme. Orders are filled as received from the Tobacco Companies and placed in the regular mail stream.

5. The records on file at this depot indicate the number of Orders received and despatched, and any "Over Quota" Orders on hand for you to be as follows:-

<u>MONTH.</u>	<u>ORDERS RECEIVED.</u>	<u>ORDERS DESPATCHED.</u>	<u>OVER QUOTA ON HAND.</u>
Sept.	Three.	Three.	Nil.
Oct.	Five.	Three.	Two.
Nov.	One.	Three.	Nil.
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REMARKS:- _____

[Handwritten Signature]
FOR (J.A. McPadyen) Major
Officer Commanding,
#2 Cdn. Tobacco Depot.

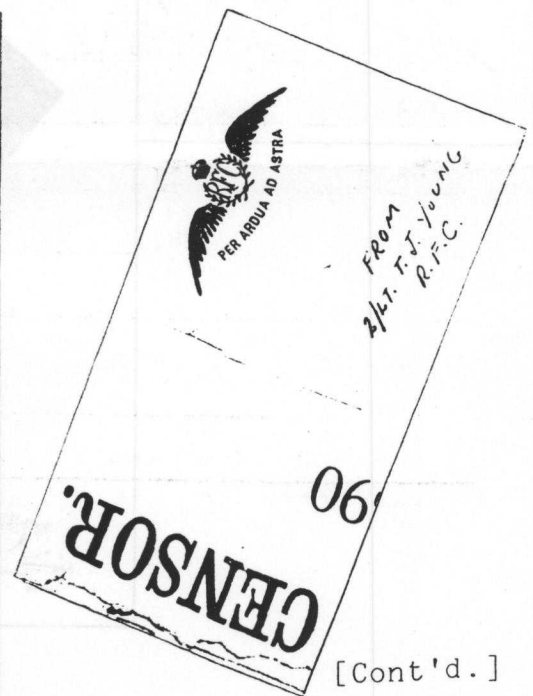
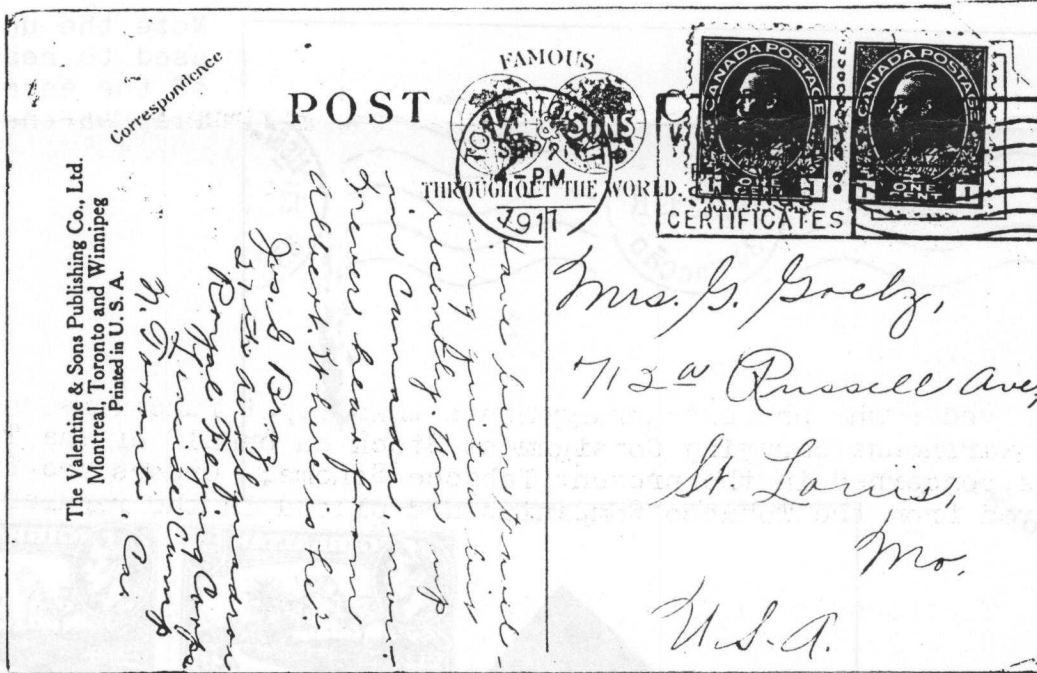
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[Mike sent in the preceding cover and letter addressed to his father in hospital (also see NL#154, March 2002, pp.616-617; NL#155, May 2002, pp. 624-626). The cover's FPO NO 11 44 (Canadian Overseas Postal Depot) was based in London. The letter (cropped) shows the interesting quota arrangements for tobacco shipments through the Canadian Tobacco Depot.Ed.]

ROYAL FLYING CORPS, 1917--By Colin Pomfret

Here is a postcard dated September 21, 1917 to St. Louis from a member of the U.S. 27th Aero Squadron. The sender was being trained in Canada by the Royal Flying Corps and his return address was "Jos. G. Broz/ 27th Aero Squadron/Royal Flying Corps/Leaside Camp/N. Toronto, Can."



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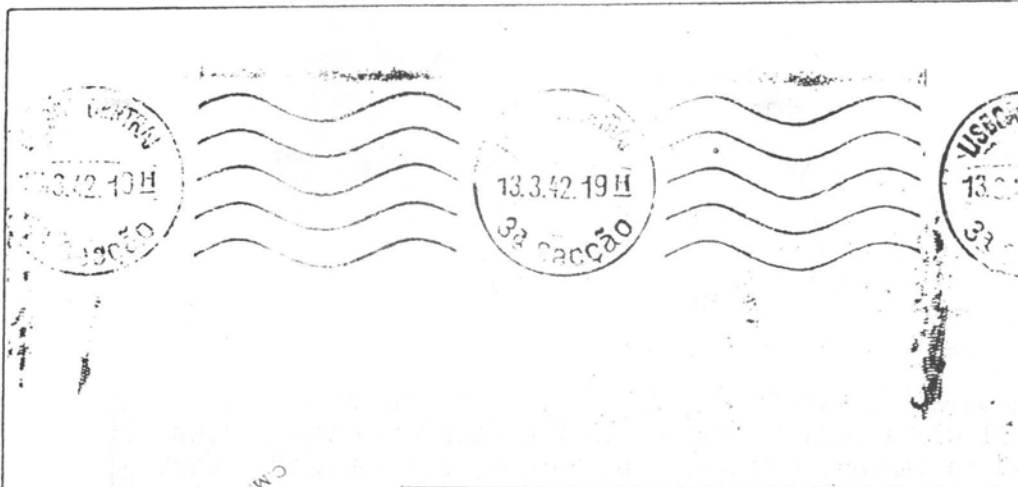
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The preceding cover from Plymouth dated December 15, 1917, was sent from 2/Lt. Theodore John Young, a Canadian serving in the Royal Flying Corps. He was probably on convoy patrol and anti-submarine flights.

CANADIAN TUNNELLERS IN GIBRALTAR

No.2 Canadian Tunnelling Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, reached Gibraltar on March 10, 1941. It was sent to support part of No.1 Company which had arrived earlier in November 1940. The Tunnellers were enlisted to undergo several mining and tunnelling projects throughout the island. This cover, presumably from a Tunneller, travelled through Lisbon, Portugal in March 1942. Most of the Tunnellers left Gibraltar in December.

Note the unusual tape used to reseal part of the envelope's flap on the reverse.

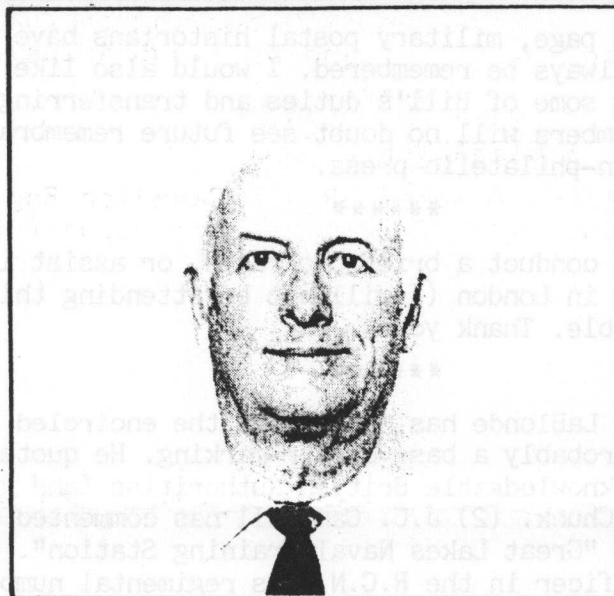


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LT.COL. W.J. BAILEY

It is with deep sadness and regret that I must report the passing of our good friend and Study Group Chairman and Treasurer, Lt.Col. W.J. "Bill" Bailey, CStJ, CD, BA, FRPS(L), FRPSC, on May 1, 2003.

Bill was born in Vancouver in 1927 and was a graduate of the University of British Columbia. Bill was a regular officer in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1951, and served in Canada, Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. He also served with the St. John Ambulance from 1978 until 1989 as detailed last issue.

Bill was an accredited national philatelic and literature judge. His interests included such diverse areas as Gold Coast postal history, Tibet, The Order of St. John, cartes postales de Franchise Militaire of France, Canada's Centennial definitives and, of course, Canadian military postal history and postal markings.

Bill wrote, with the late E.R. "Ritch" Toop, several volumes on Canadian military posts and markings. He also authored a handbook with Werner Steven entitled Die Geschichte de Kanadischen Feldpost--1989. Bill contributed many other articles and monographs to the military postal history field, and was working on a book related to the postal history of the Order of St. John at the time of his passing.

For his service to philately and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (where he served as a Director), Bill was elected a Fellow of the society in 1994. He was similarly honoured with a Fellowship recently in the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are extended to Mrs. Jane Bailey and their family. Not only will Bill be remembered for his work in the area of military postal history and philately in general, but as a good friend. He will be missed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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Dear CMMSG Members:

As noted on the previous page, military postal historians have lost a dear friend and ally. Bill Bailey will always be remembered. I would also like to personally thank his wife Jane for finalizing some of Bill's duties and transferring the group's funds under trying circumstances. Members will no doubt see future remembrances for Bill elsewhere in the philatelic and non-philatelic press.

Any member who wishes to conduct a brief programme, or assist in chairing the BNAPEX 2003 study group meeting in London (I will not be attending this year), please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

READERS WRITE: (1) Chuck LaBlonde has noted that the encircled "64" from the last issue (NL#159, p.673) is probably a base censor marking. He quotes information from John Daynes, one of the very knowledgeable British authorities (and group member) on most things censored! Thanks Chuck. (2) J.C. Campbell has commented on Doug Sayles' cover (NL#159, p.674) from the "Great Lakes Naval Training Station". Colin notes "...if the addressee was a Petty Officer in the R.C.N. his regimental number seems incorrect as it was the same as ours in the R.C.A.F. The letter "R" (Regular) and following six numbers was "RCAF" to my knowledge. Note the naval training connection however. If he was a Pilot Officer in the RCAF, his regimental number wouldn't jive. As a P.O. (commissioned rank) his number would not have been in the same grouping as noted above. The noted R.C.A.F. Detachment would have been a very small one. The mystery deepens." [Any thoughts by our several Texas members? Ed.]

No word yet as to how our members did at Ottawa's ORAPEX. Congratulations to those who exhibited!

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Until August, I hope that all members have a safe and happy late spring/summer!
