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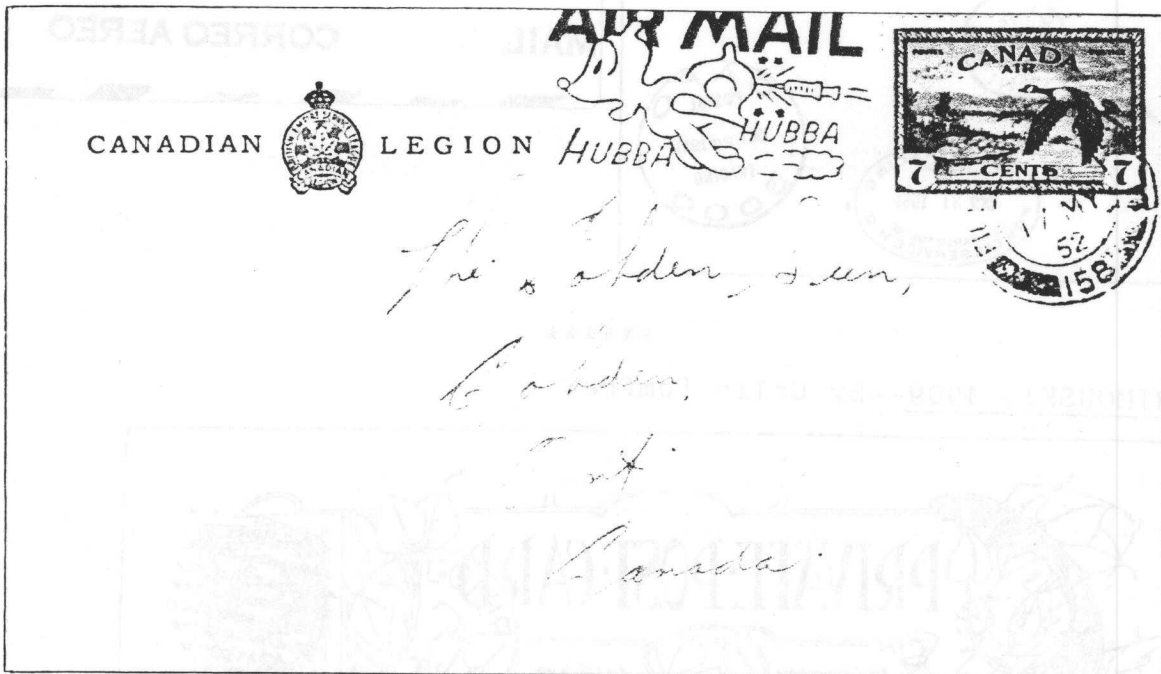
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KOREA MAIL-7 CENTS FOR FIRST OUNCE AIRMAIL RATE--  
By Mike Street

Canadian Armed Forces personnel serving with the United Nations in Korea could send letters home free of charge by surface mail, but paid the domestic rate for letters sent by air. Domestic rates also applied to mail from Canada to those serving in the Korean theatre.



These covers illustrate use of the 7-cent Peace Issue (C9) to pay the single airmail rate to and from Korea. The red "Hubba, Hubba" marking on the cover from Korea was applied with a rubber stamp [Cont'd.]

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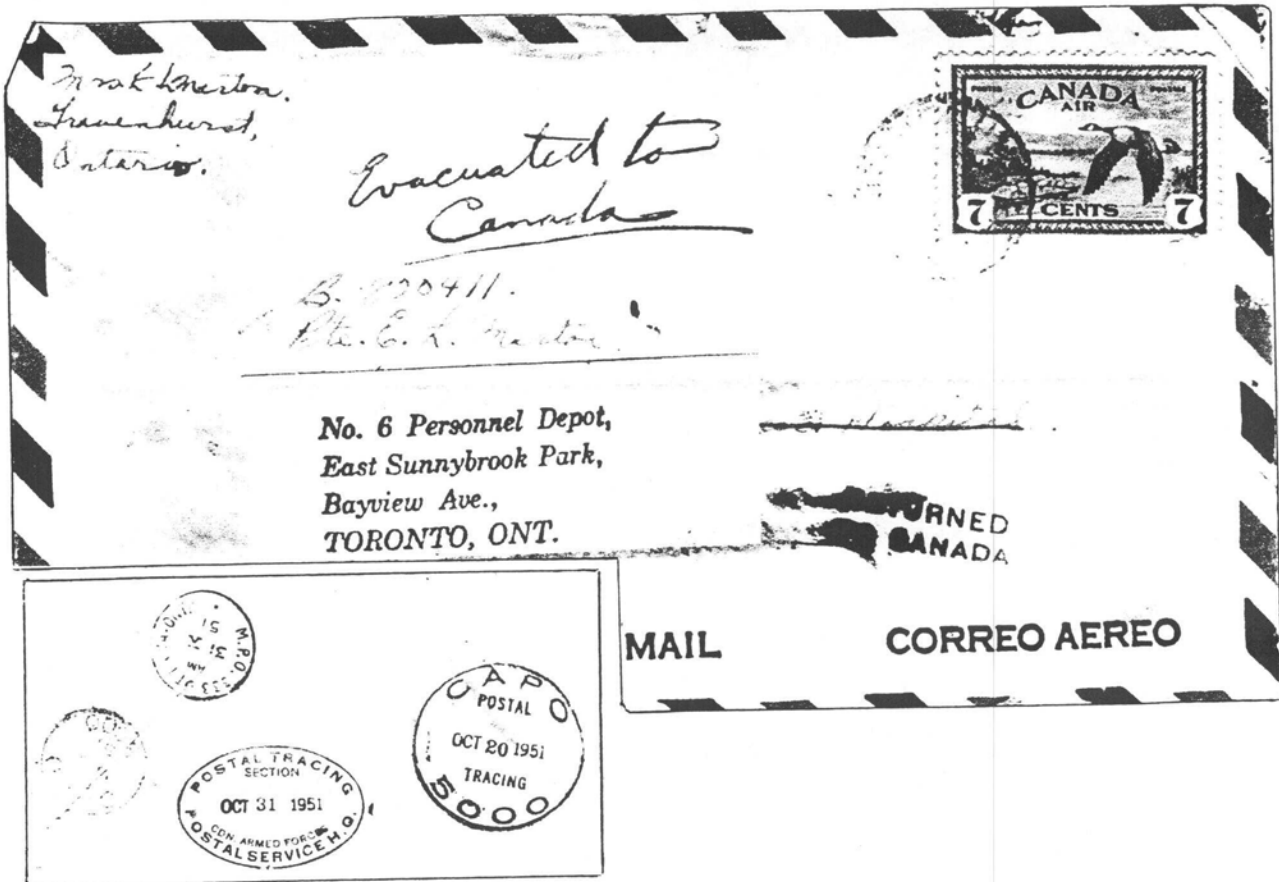
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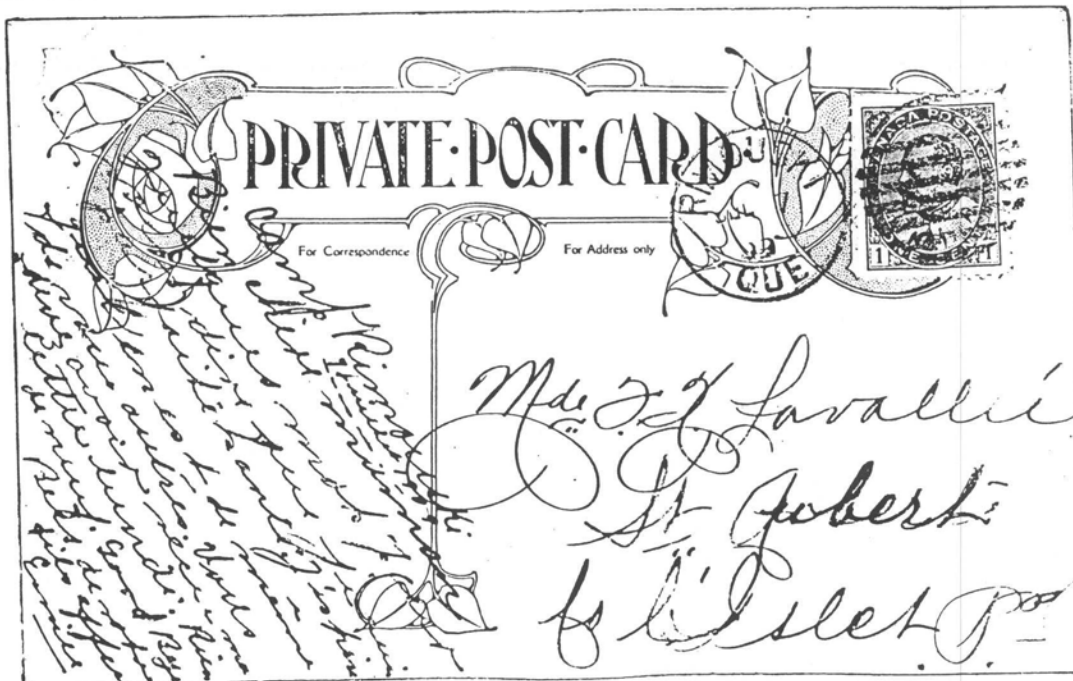
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purchased by the sender; likely while on leave in Japan. The addressee of the letter from Canada had been evacuated back to Canada by the time it reached Korea. Postal tracing unit cancels applied while the letter was following him back to Canada are also shown.



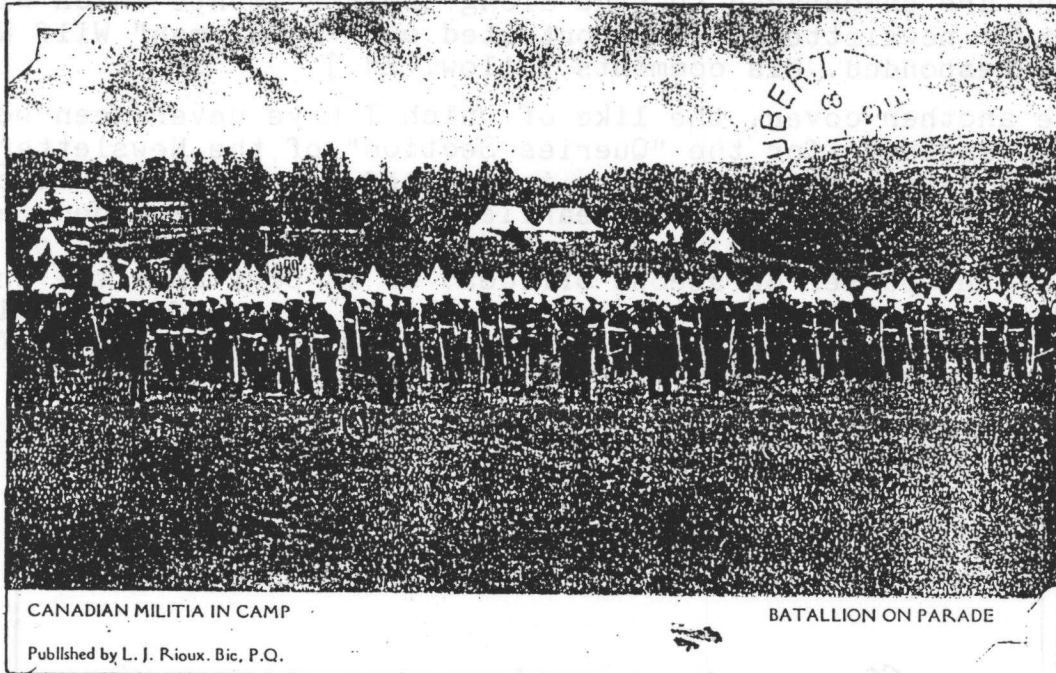
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CAMP RIMOUSKI, 1909--By Colin Pomfret



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[This July 7, 1909 dated picture postcard denotes a return address of "Camp Rimouski". "G" Company of the 89th Temiscouata and Rimouski Regiment was based at Rimouski.]



CANADIAN MILITIA IN CAMP

BATTALION ON PARADE

Published by L. J. Rioux, Bic, P.Q.

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5TH CAN. DIV. TRAIN, 1917--By Mike Street

Has anyone seen this type of item previously? It appears to have been used before the 5th Div. Train hammers were received.

appears to have been used [Bailey & Toop remark that the 5th Cdn. Div. Artillery Train was broken up in England for reinforcements. Only the Division artillery went to France. In Vol. I "B & T" noted that FPO T.P.5 (M6-249) was proofed on June 1, 1917. The 5th Cdn. Div. Artillery Train opened in October 1917 (p.69). The cover bears a Godalming machine cancellation. Can any of our members comment? Ed.]



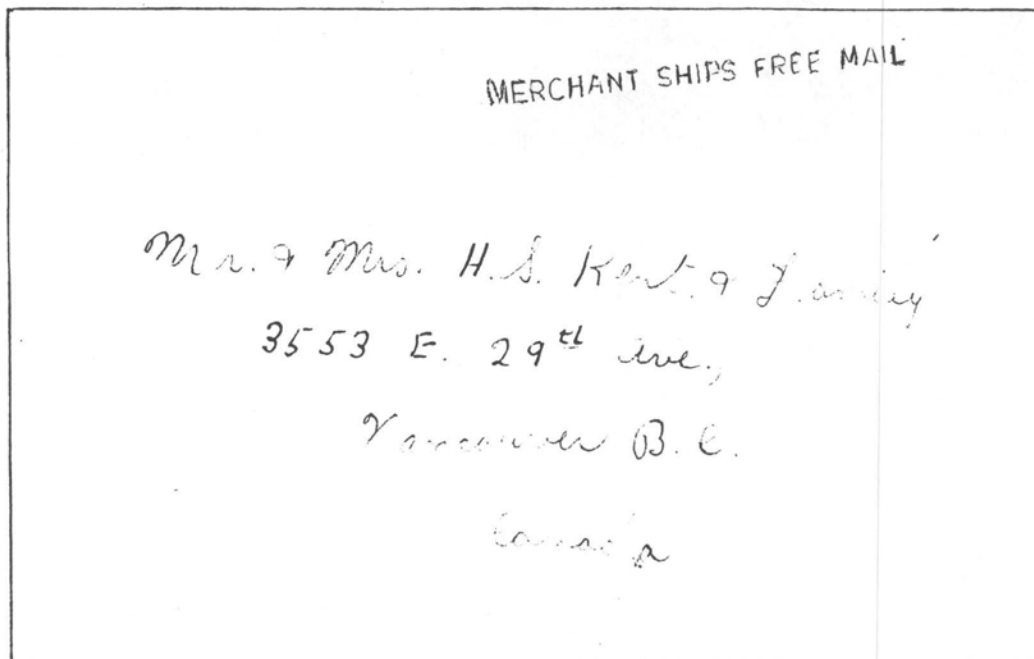
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"MERCHANT SHIPS FREE MAIL"--By Kim Dodwell

[Kim sent along the following cover which is quite a puzzler--at least to me! Members are encouraged to send along their comments which will be printed in future newsletters. I've contacted our "naval man" Wilf Whitehouse who kindly responded. His comments follow. Ed.]

"I enclose another cover, the like of which I have never seen before and it could be a candidate for the "Queries Section" of the Newsletter. Sadly, the cover is not dated, but I would be interested if: (1) other members have a similar example and what are the earliest and latest recorded dates of usage of this handstamp, and (2) where would it have been applied: on board ship (perhaps by the purser or second officer) or in port when the ship's mail was handed over for forwarding? In some thirty years of collecting Canadian wartime "Battle of the Atlantic" related material, this is the first example I have seen or heard of. Members' comments are most welcome."



[The light blue rubber straightline marking may not adequately photocopy but it is approximately 55mm long and the letters are 3mm high! As far as I am aware, members of the Canadian Merchant Marine did not have free mailing privileges, but I don't have period Canadian Postal Guides or Supplements at hand to confirm. If the marking is "authentic", presumably it could either be from the Second World War or even the Korean War period. The reverse has in manuscript "R. Kent". Wilf Whitehouse writes: "To the best of my knowledge, the Merchant Service did not have a free mail privilege during WWII. I went through the Merchant Navy mail from WWII on hand and could not find a single cover with any indication of "FREE". I realize that this does not make it so, but at least it backs up my feeling on the subject. I suppose the cover could be from the Korean War as you suggest....I hate to suggest that the marking is a fake..., however, I must say that it just does not look right to me". Wilf continues and describes two covers in his collection with boxed handstamps "CANADIAN/MARITIME/MAIL" without dates. One has a Second World War censor label addressed to the Internment Camp at Gravenhurst, and the other is stamped and in the upper left corner "S.S. Canadian Leader".

[\*I'll retrace the marking for legibility.Ed.]

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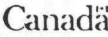
Checking Bailey & Toop's Canadian Military Postal Markings, along with two volumes of Royal Canadian Naval Postal History, 1939-1945 by Hampson & Colbeck, and Wilf Whitehouse and Ken Ellison's "Notes on Some Postage Paid Markings of World War II" (NL#79, February 1988, pp.7-8), did not come up with much. Could the marking be British or American? Members, now is your chance to educate the rest of us! Thanks in advance. Ed.]

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### DND'S "WRITE TO THE TROOPS"--By J.C. Jarnick

[Jerry kindly supplied the following updated information from the Department of National Defence's website. Addresses are supplied for communicating to Canadian troops on various overseas operations. Thanks Jerry! Ed.]

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ATCO	RCD
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TCER	SIPOVO

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**\*Sections:**

NSE	ISTAR
NCE	2 RCHA Gun Battery
3 RCR Battle Group	PSP
KMNB HQ	CANCAP
ISAF HQ	

**OP ATHENA (5113)**

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 \*Section  
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**\*Sections:**

EME	Welfare
CE	RCR D & S Platoon
UMS / MIR / FMED	Food Services
MP Det	Traffic
NIS	Supply
COR	NCCIS / Line
Finance	AJAG
FLS	Transport
Padre	Tai Det

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**GOLAN HEIGHTS (5002)**

Name / Rank  
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- MFO EL Gorah
- Camp Faour
- Tel Aviv Embassy
- Damascus Embassy
- OGG Jerusalem
- OGG Tibenas
- OGG Lebanon
- EME
- CE
- UMS / MIR / FMED
- MP Det
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**OP CALUMET - Sinai**

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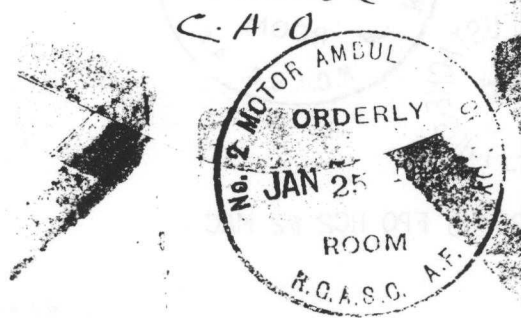
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MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOYS--By Jon Johnson

During the Second World War Canada maintained two Motor Ambulance Convoys (MAC). They were primarily responsible for clearing Priority III casualties from Advanced Dressing Stations to the Casualty Clearing Stations or to a General Hospital. Each MAC had one platoon of thirty ambulance cars and two troop carrying vehicles for sitting cases. When Field Ambulance transport threatened to be insufficient, the MAC's assisted in clearing Priority I and Priority II casualties.

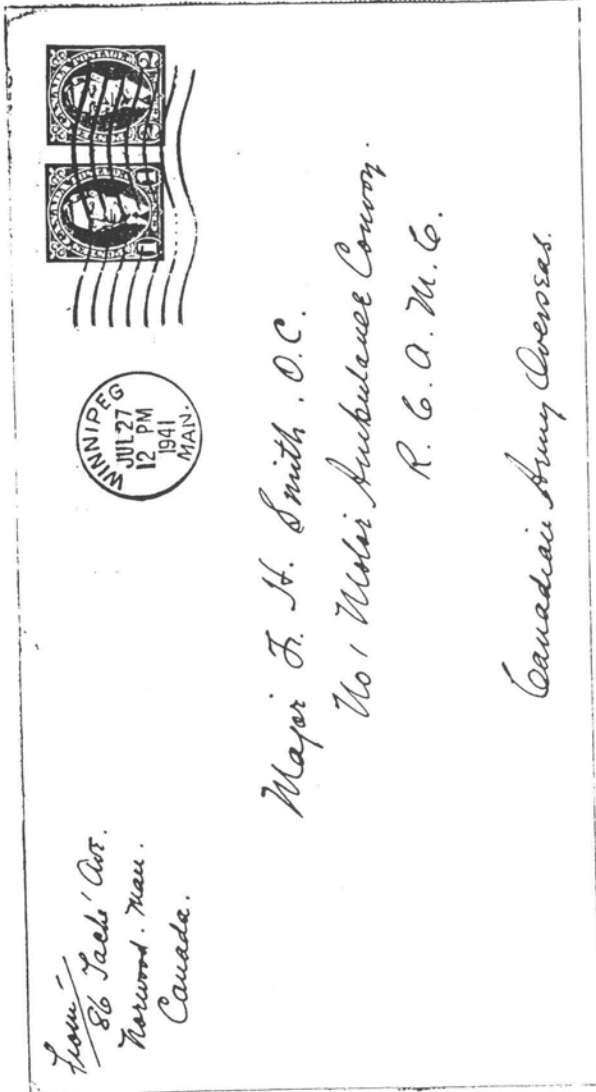
Both #1 MAC and #2 MAC went overseas in October 1941. #1 MAC was attached to 1st Canadian Corps during its action in Italy (Sept. 1943) and France (Feb. 1945). #2 MAC was attached to 2nd Canadian Corps during its action in France (June 1944). Related items follow.

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Spr. B.A. Shaw  
2 MAC. REASE  
C.A.O*



Jan.25/44 #2 MAC

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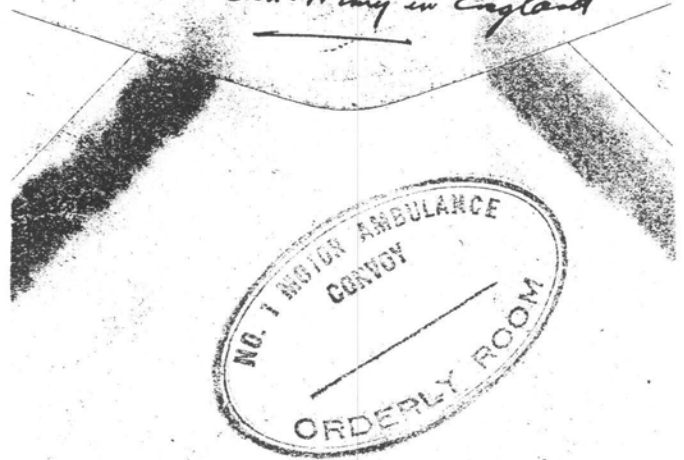


#1 MAC



Christmas Card Dec.24/40 Winnipeg (prior to going overseas)

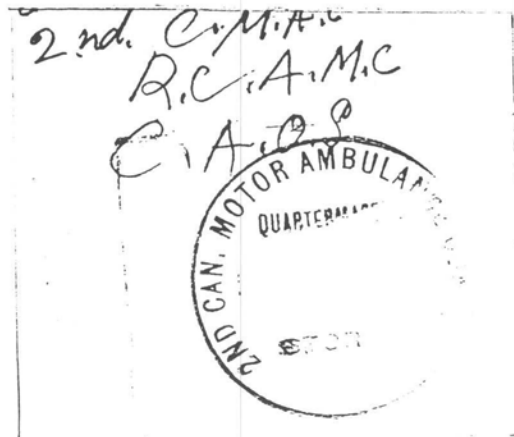
From: Lt. K.V.D. Gardner,  
 No 1 Cdn. H.A.C. R.C.A.M.C.  
 Cdn. Army in England



Sept. 17/42 FPO HC1 #1 MAC



Sept. 20/43 FPO HC2 #2 MAC

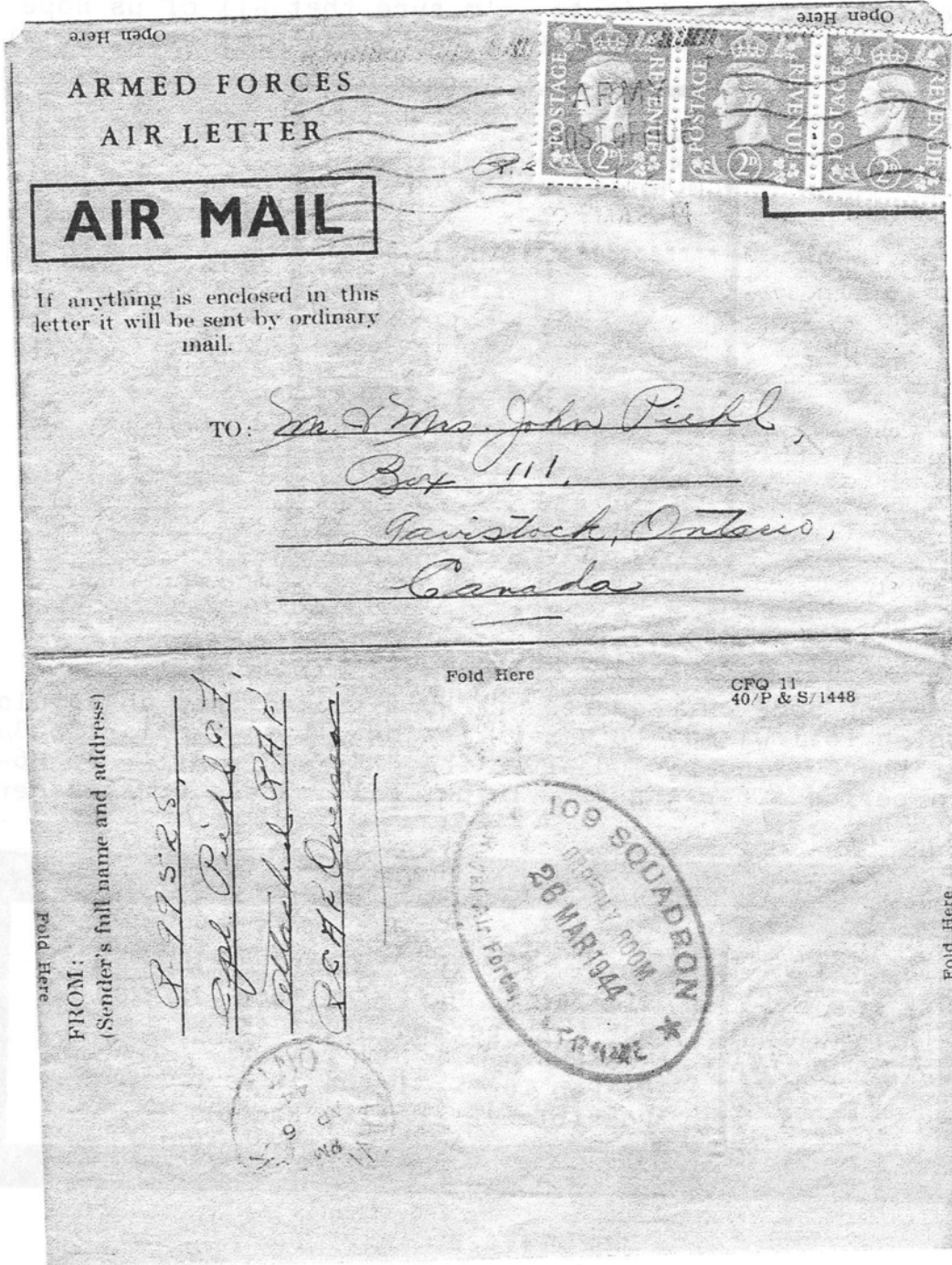


Feb. 8/43 FPO HC2 #2 MAC Quartermaster Stores



D-DAY PLUS SIXTY

This interesting AFAL (cancelled with the Krag machine APO SC2 26 MAR 44;



London, U.K.), has an interesting message which presumably referred to D-Day of June 6, 1944. The writer, attached to 109 Squadron, RAF, writes: "I was reading in a paper a little while ago where they brought that up in parliament [sic] about letting the boys go home for a leave, but it was dropped because 'big things were soon to come' so that settles that". The writer describes his time on leave as well as some raids he experienced in London. Could the "big things" he was noting relate to the planned invasion of Normandy? If so, it is timely for us in this issue.

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D-DAY CONTINUED: 2004 CANADA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Canada Post Corporation issued an important commemorative stamp in memory of those who fought to capture the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. It is a welcome and fitting tribute. I'm sure that all of us hope that more Canadian postage stamps depicting Canada's military heritage will be issued in the future.



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A NEW FPO LISTING, T.X2 (1918)--By Bill Pekonen

[Bill sent along some cut squares of FPO's tucked into an envelope and the cutting which follows may be a new listing. It is similar to Bailey & Toop's M6-257 but there is no period after the "X", and similar to M6-258 except there is a period after the "T". Thanks Bill. These updates certainly help. Ed.]



WWI T. X2 Cancel` M6-257  
 Similar to Bailey & Toop M6-258  
 but with period after "T"  
 Not Shown 1 DIV Train  
 01 Feb 18 - 31 JUL 18  
 Possible "E" Rarity Factor

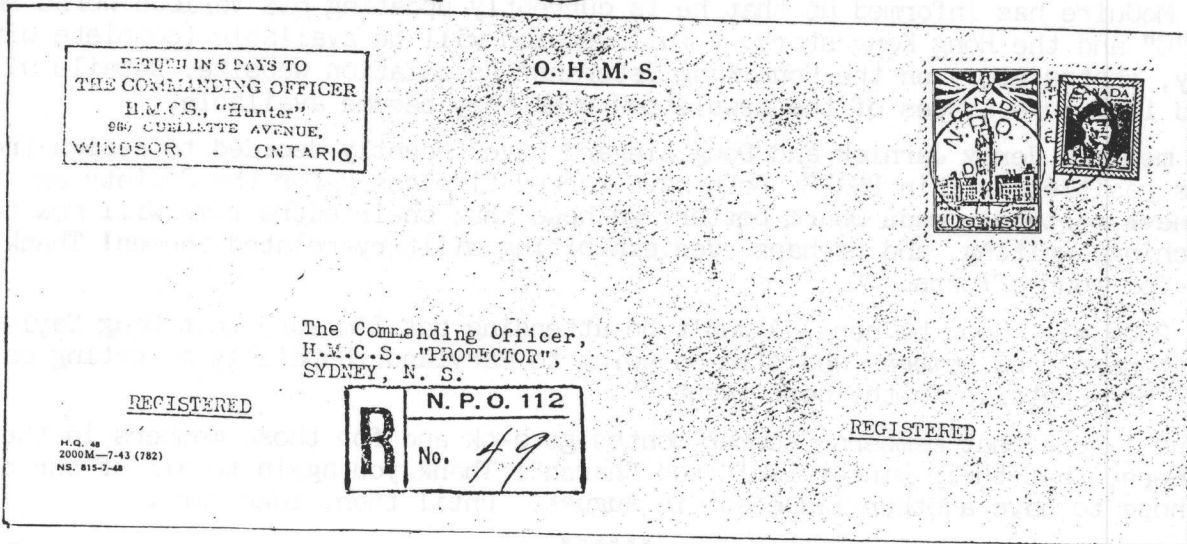
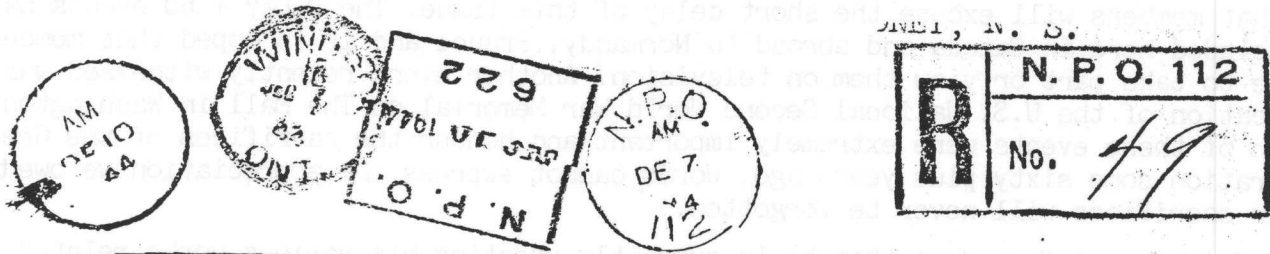
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TWO NEW REPORTS: NPO 112 REGISTERED/BASE P.O. CDS--By C.D. Sayles

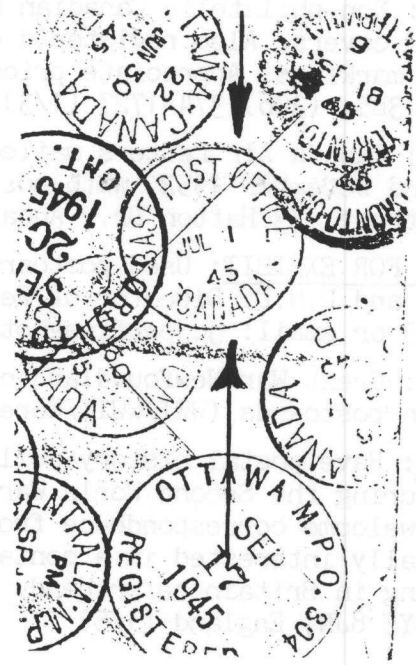
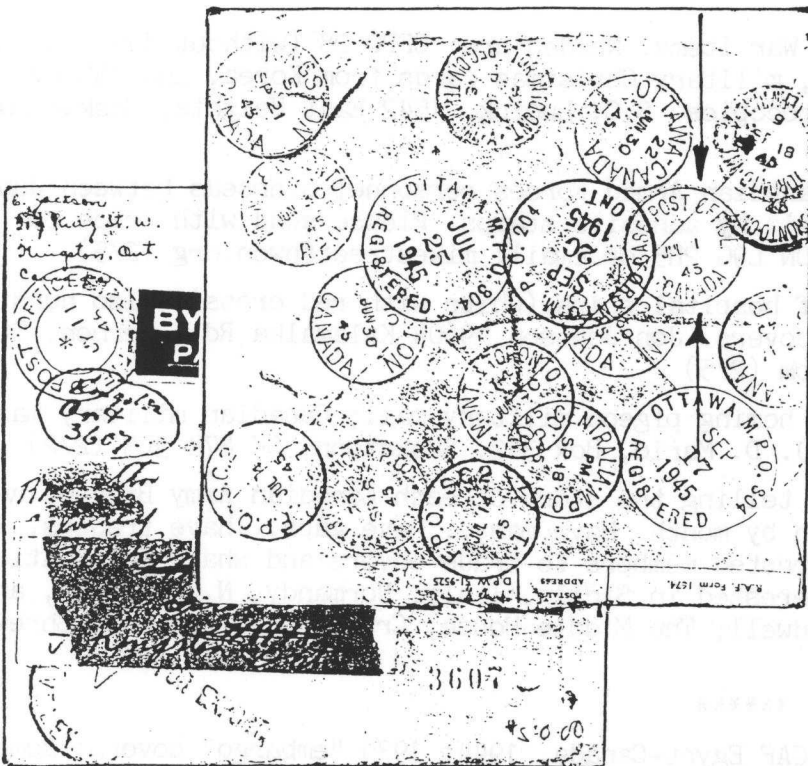
Bailey & Toop illustrate this marking as M14-208 and note that it is unreported. There are many other listings of similarly unrecorded marks. I suspect that every MPO was issued a standard inventory of hammers which would have included the steel CDS, a rubber registration device, and the rectangular rubber for financial business. Because of this, I expect that all of the registration hammers currently listed as "U" [unreported] will eventually turn up. I have not been able to find documentation defining

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the standard issue MPO postal kit. Has anyone else had better luck?



Bailey & Toop illustrate this marking as M9-4 with a proof date of December 21, 1944, and note that it is unreported. This example, dated July 1, 1945, was used as a transit mark on a much-directed registered letter. If the hammer was restricted to such usage, that would explain why it took so long to appear.





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Dear CMMSG Members:

I hope that members will excuse the short delay of this issue. The D-Day + 60 events have just concluded here in Canada and abroad in Normandy, France and it is hoped that members were able to take part or view them on television. Another event recently witnessed was the dedication of the U.S. National Second World War Memorial on The Mall in Washington, D.C. Both of these events were extremely important and honour the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation some sixty plus years ago. Words cannot express the appreciation we owe them and their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

C. Ron McGuire has informed us that he is currently updating his various works related to Force "C" and the Hong Kong story. A full version will be available (complete with postal history, photos etc.) on the Hong Kong Veterans' Association website. Details will be announced in future issues of the newsletter when they become available.

Fellow members Jerry Jarnick and Doug Lingard have recently decided to resign from their various positions within BNAPS. Both have worked tirelessly for the Society and their efforts have certainly made BNAPS better. We hope that their extra time will now be spent on researching, writing, and perhaps even exhibiting military-related themes! Thank you gentlemen for your efforts.

BNAPEX 2004 will soon be here. I won't be attending but I'm sure that Doug Sayles will be happy to hear from members who plan on going to Maryland. Hopefully a meeting can be arranged. More details in the next issue.

Doug and I hope that members' summer months go a-ok and for those members in the Southern Hemisphere, that their winter isn't too "harsh"! Thank you again to all of our contributors and I hope to have another issue out in August. Until then, take care.

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SMALL ADS

WANTED: Letters to/from William Maitland-Dougall in period 1910-1917. Send photocopy/price required to C.D. Sayles, 25 Howard Blvd., Waterdown, ON LOR 2H4 or email: saylesd@aecl.ca (13/18)

WANTED: Non-philatelic Canadian Korean War items. Needed are: CFPO 28 (without dash); CFPO 30 & 32 covers. Also registered covers, military Christmas cards from Korea, and "HUBBA-HUBBA" markings. Appreciate priced photocopies. S.C. Luciuk, 1542 East Heights, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3B5; (306) 374-1727 (1/3)

WANTED: Canada Air Letters mailed to Canadian Armed Forces personnel overseas between June 1946 and December 1952, with postage paid by adhesive stamps. Please send with price to Mike Street, 73 Hatton Dr., Ancaster, ON L9G 2H5 or email: mikestreet@hwc.org (2/5)

NEEDED FOR EXHIBIT: Used postcard(s) of hospital ships (white with red cross). Also nursing sister and D.N.D. Director of Records covers. Jon Johnson, 9604 Kalamalka Rd., Vernon, BC V1B 1L3 or email: jcjperfins@hotmail.com (2/5)

WANTED: Great War Newfoundland covers; homing pigeon military mail; Canadian military mascots on postcards (WWI/WWII/Korea etc.). D. Mario, Box 342, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3 (2/2)

WANTED: Have postal history collection telling the story of each Canadian Army Brigade overseas during the Second World War; month by month. Have many...have gaps...have traders. I would welcome correspondence from interested members to trade covers and share information. Especially interested in a contact interested in Sicily, Italy, Normandy, N.W. Europe, and training in Britain beforehand. Kim Dodwell, The Middle House, Cruckmeole, Hanwood, Shrewsbury SY5 8JN, England (1/5)

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NEXT TIME: ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan; RCAF Egypt-Canada, 1944; 1939 "embargo" covers; some Great War hospital/nursing mail and much more!

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