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CFB BORDEN'S "NEW" MPO 306--By Dave Hanes

[Our group's noted Camp Borden specialist, Dave sent along the following information package and selected clippings. Thanks Dave for keeping us updated on contemporary military postal history! Ed.]

A group of military personnel, military postal historians and local Barrie District Stamp Club members, and postal officials opened the Military Post Office 306 at Canadian Forces Base Borden on April 30, 2007.

FIRST DAY

MPO 306

BORDEN



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MPO 306 BPM
BORDEN, ON LOM 1C0

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This new MPO/Base Mailroom is a detachment of Canadian Forces Postal Unit, Trenton, and is centrally located in building S-141 at 336 Ortona Road. The office provides complete postal service for military and civilian personnel and the new facility is very important because CFB Borden is one of Canada's largest military training centres. The new MPO operates under the supervision of Master Corporal Claude Brisson who is assisted by four other Corporal postal clerks.



LCol Weatherill, Capt Inglis and MCpl Brisson unveiled the Military Post Office/Base Mailroom sign to officially open the New Postal outlet.

Several handstamps are used at the new MPO and they are illustrated on the following page. A 75th anniversary of 400 Squadron commemorative cover, also from the new office, is shown.

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**YOUR ADDRESS IS
INCORRECT
VOTRE ADRESSE EST
INCORRECTE**

Your correct address is:
Votre adresse corrigée est:
FULL NAME:
NOM COMPLET:

MPO 306
BPM
OCT 31 2007
BORDEN ON
LOM 1C0

Mailroom
Salle du courrier

Unit/Unité _____
PO BOX 1000 Stn Main
Borden, ON L0M 1C0

Please change your
Address to ensure
Prompt delivery
S.V.P. changer
votre adresse pour assurer
une bonne livraison
Mailroom
Salle de courrier
2178

THIS IS A TEMPORARY COURTESY
YOUR ADDRESS IS INCORRECT
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CORRESPONDENCE
OR YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS TO
ENSURE PROMPT DELIVERY

POSTAL TRACING
RECHERCHES POSTALES
OCT 31 2007
BORDEN, ONT
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OCT 31 2007
MPO 306 BPM
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"110 SQN"

"400 SQN"

75th

ANNIVERSARY



MPO 306
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SEP 28 2007
BORDEN ON
LOM 1C0

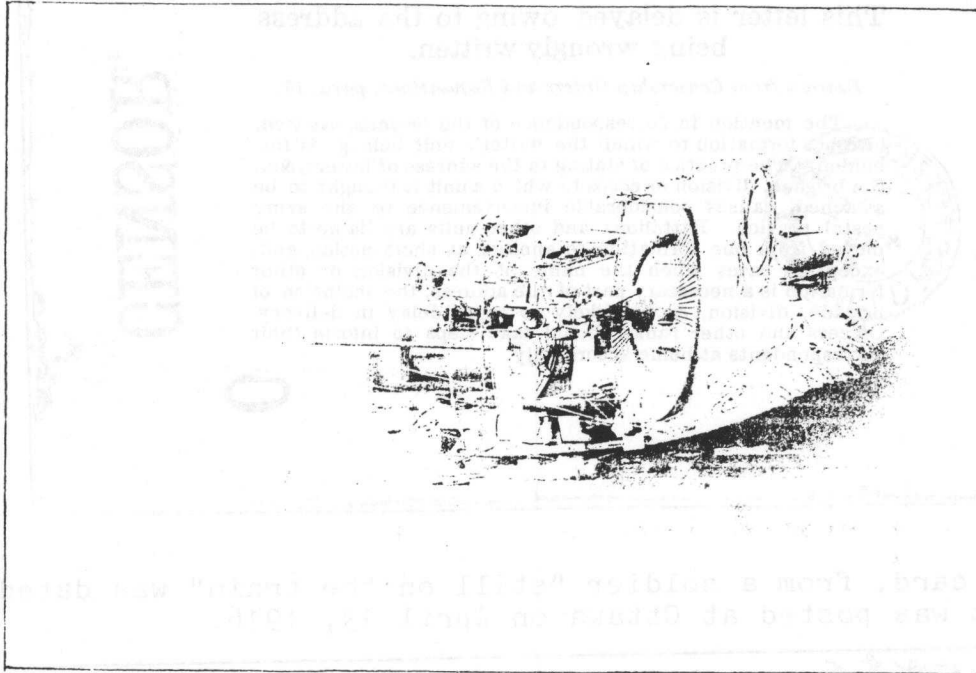
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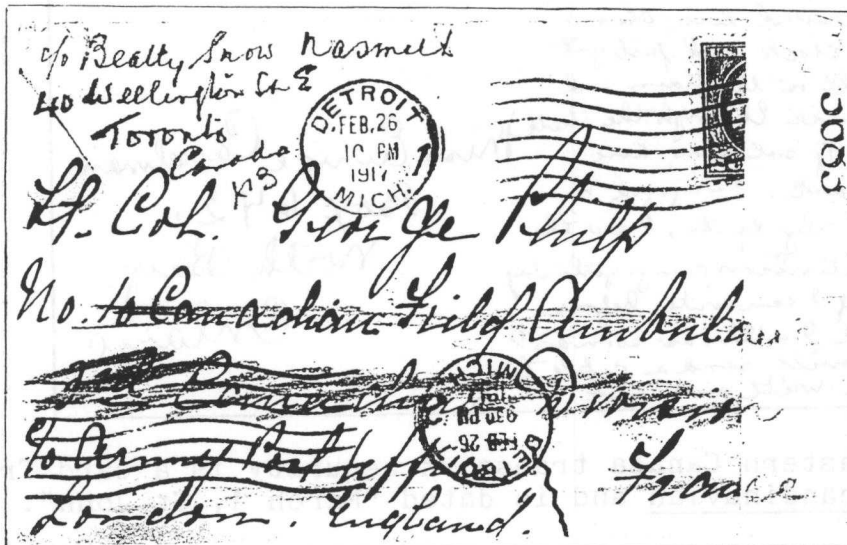
Borden Citizen, May 2, 2007

Canadian Stamp News, Vol.32 (No.3), June 12-25, 2007.

The destroyer mentioned in the correspondence was H.M.C.S. Grilse. She had completed stability trials at Vickers Yard in Montreal on August 13, and sailed for Halifax shortly after. Grilse had previously been the private yacht of Peter Rouss of New York, and was purchased by Jack Ross for \$100,000. Ross was the son of James Ross, one of the founders of the C.P.R. After the purchase Jack Ross sailed to Halifax where a torpedo tube and a 4" gun were placed on board for installation at Vickers in Montreal. [Two views of Grilse at Vickers were sent in by Colin previously and I've included them here. Ed.]



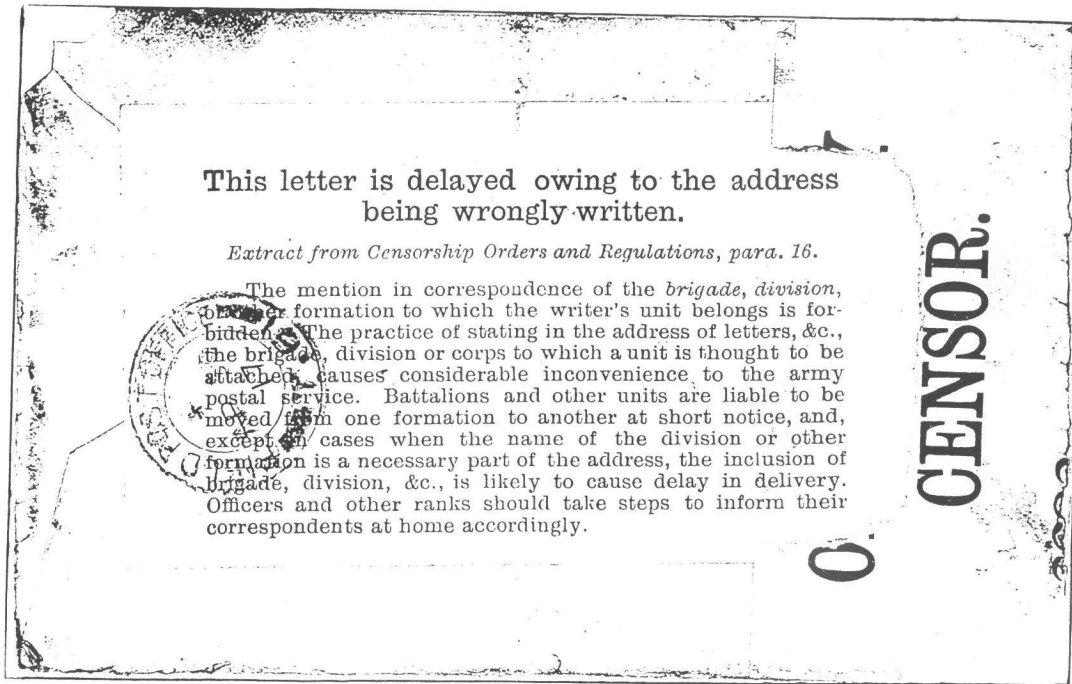
The next cover, with a return address in Toronto, was posted at Detroit, Michigan and is dated "FEB. 26, 1917". It was addressed to the O/C of the 10th Canadian Field Ambulance. The cover was intercepted and delayed by the British civil censor who applied the tape and label on the reverse.



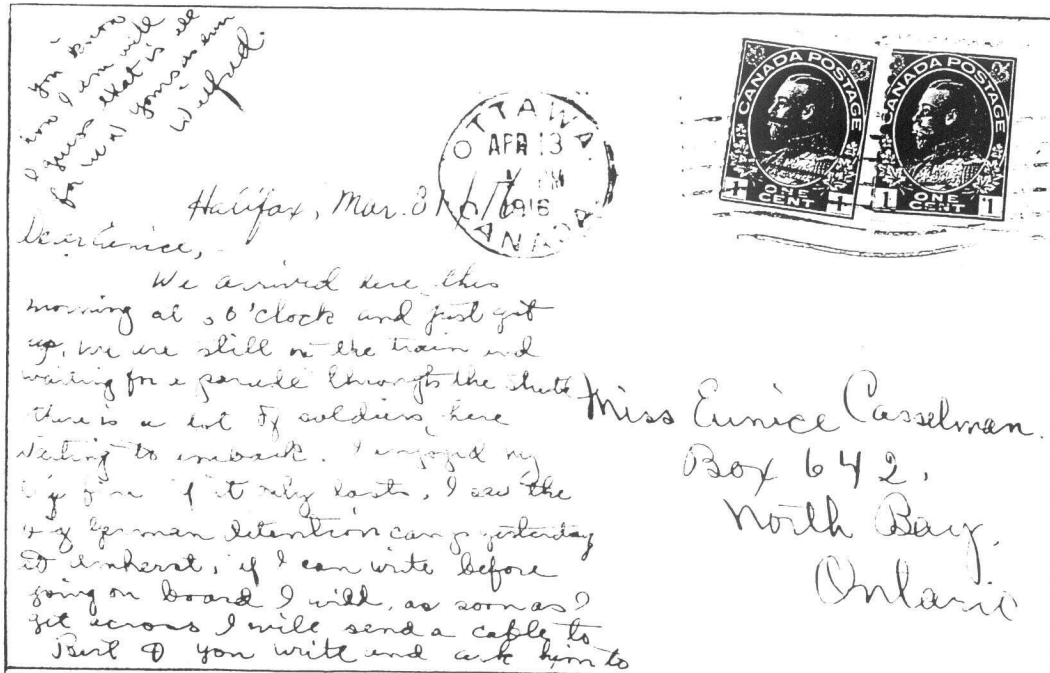
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The cover bears a "Field Post Office/T.61" strike dated "AP/30/17" which was used by the 3rd Div. Train. The date, fifteen days after the close of the Vimy Campaign, hints that this delayed incoming cover might be related to that event.



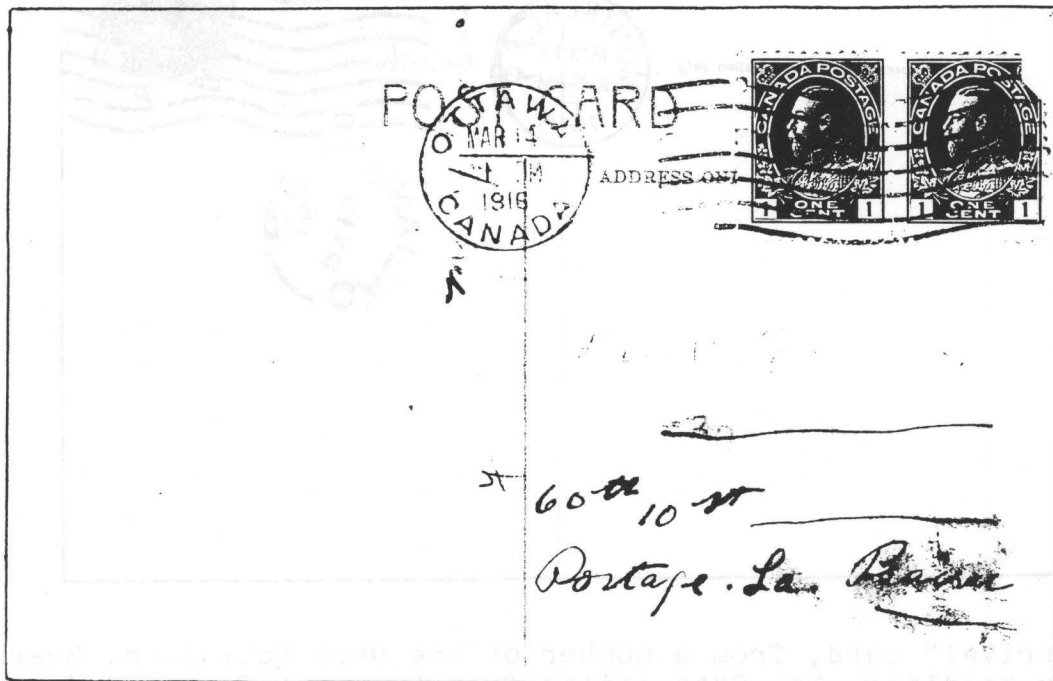
The following card, from a soldier "still on the train" was dated "Halifax, Mar.31/16" but was posted at Ottawa on April 13, 1916.



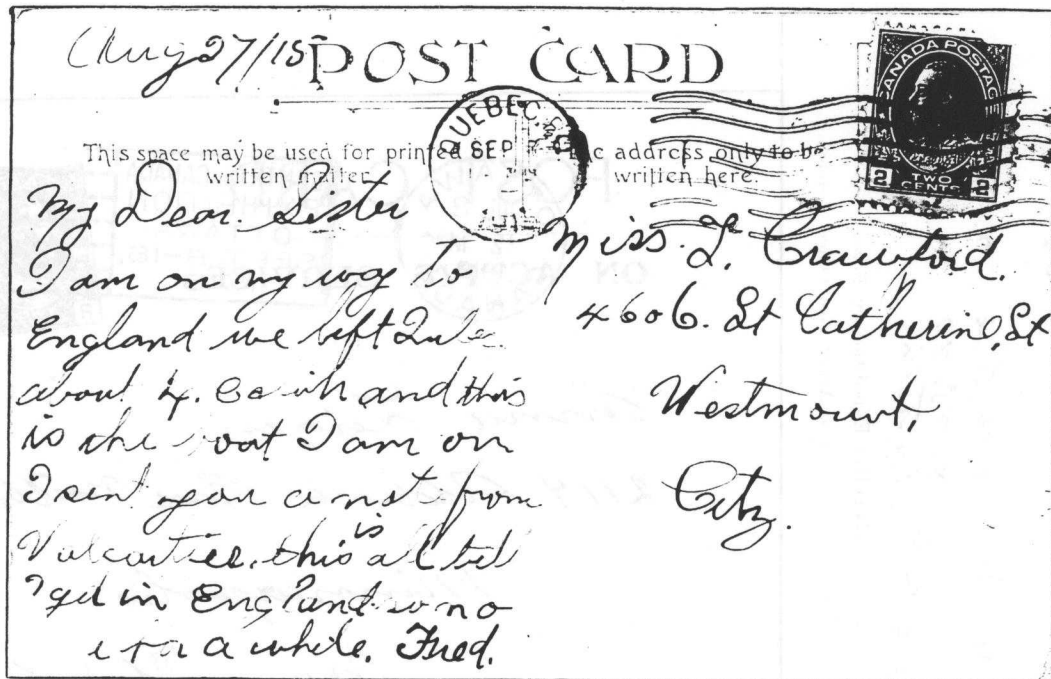
A similar example of Eastern Canada transport security is a card from a soldier on board the Scandinavian and is dated "March 1, St. John". It was

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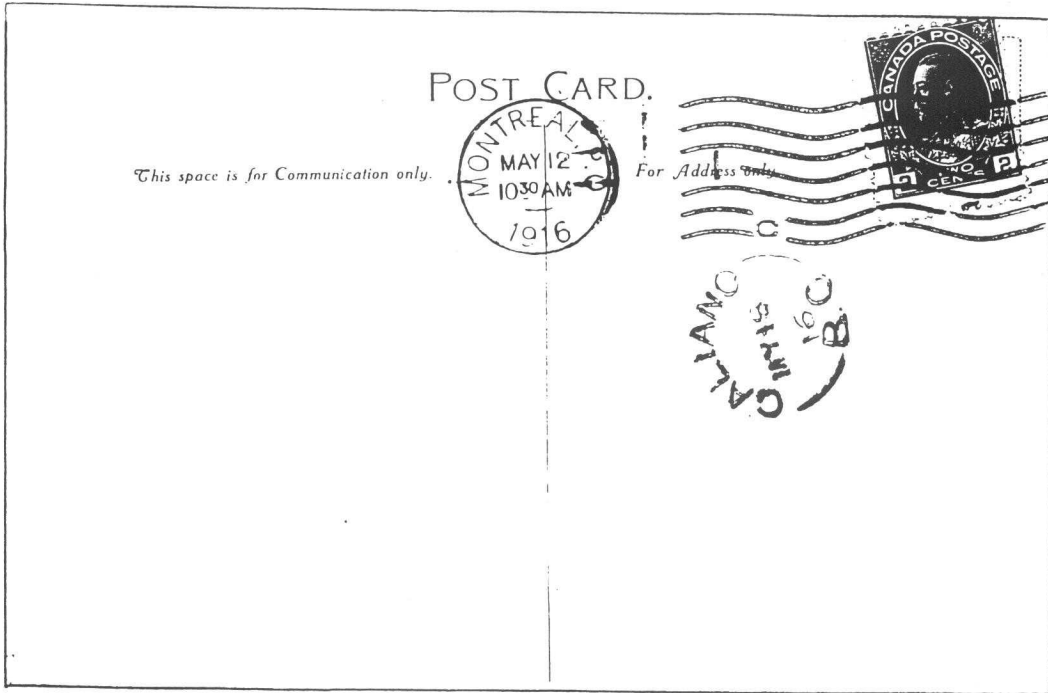
postmarked at Ottawa on March 14, 1916.



Here is another card from a soldier on the Scandinavian dated "August 27, 1915" but was posted at Quebec on September 7, 1915.



The following card was written by a soldier on board the Megantic and was dated "April 22nd" but was postmarked at Montreal on May 12, 1916.



This "safe arrival" card, from a member of the 94th Battalion, bears a similar security handling. The 94th sailed from the East Coast on June 28, 1916 but this card was posted at Ottawa on July 8. Both front and reverse are illustrated.

Dear *Anna Ligen*

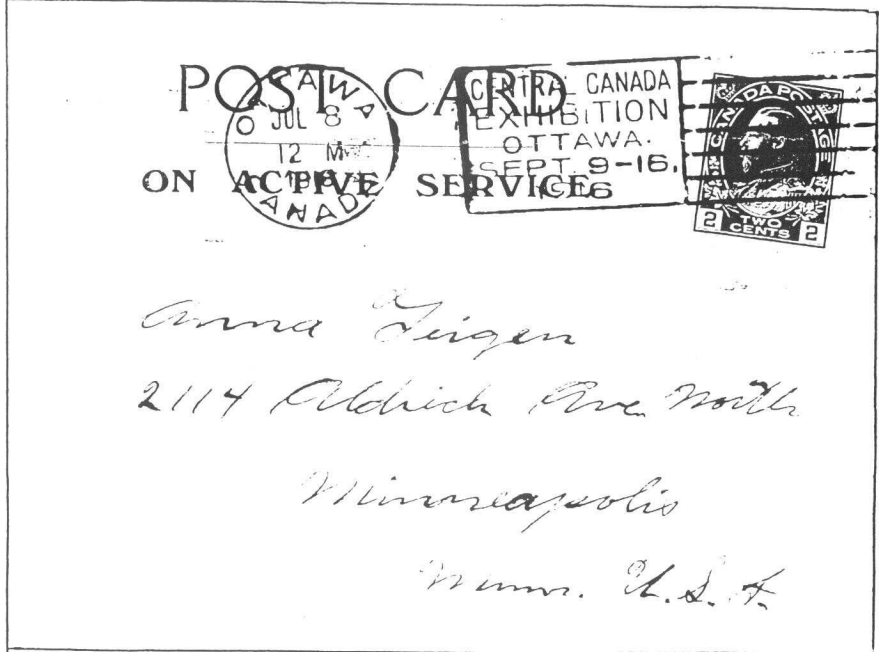
I am glad to hear that you and Paul have the same after the 17th of June.

I am not having a pleasant so voyage and will send another post card on arrival at destination. Kindly note the mailing address.

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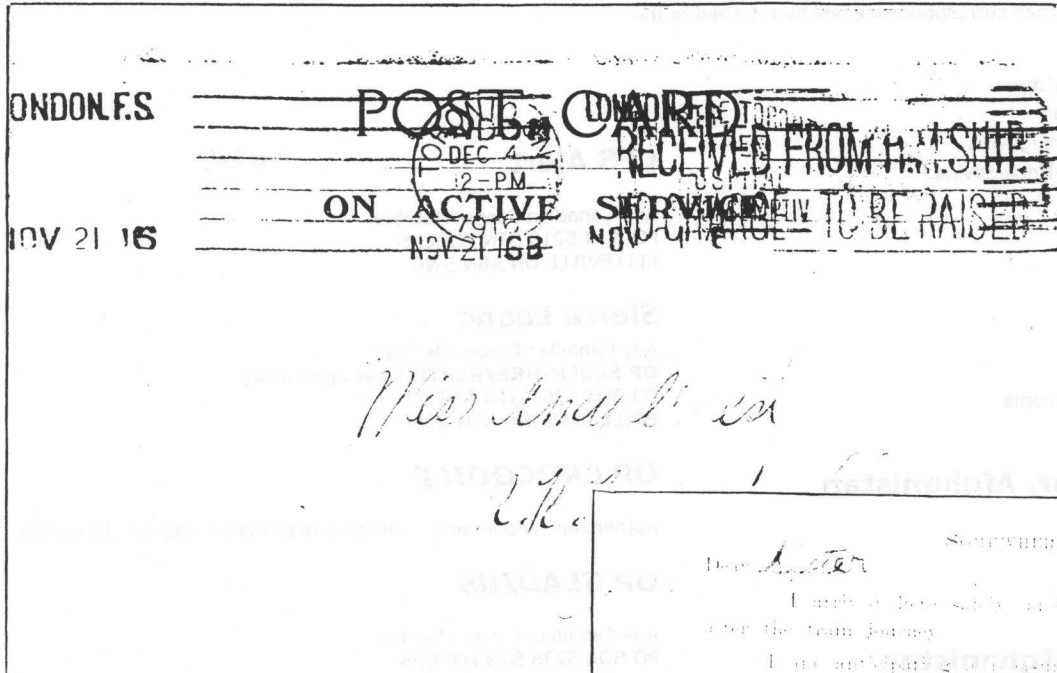
Address: *2114 Aldrich Ave. North*
Minneapolis
Minn.

Canadian Expeditionary Forces,
 c/o Army Post Office London.



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Another "safe arrival" card, this time from a member of the 147th Battalion which sailed from the East Coast on November 13, 1916, bears a postmark of London, England dated November 21, 1916.



SOMEWHERE ON THE EAST COAST

Dear Mother

I wish to have safely and how to get
 after the train journey

I am accompanying a detachment of my company, and
 will have another post card on arrival at destination.

Kindly note the mailing address.

Address: 147th BATT. EAST COAST
 No. 30242
 Canadian Expeditionary Force
 Army Post Office, I. O. C. 5 M
 INT.

"MAIL FOR ANY CANADIAN FORCES MEMBER"--By Jerry Jarnick

[Jerry kindly sent along the following from the National Defence website. It's of great help for collectors or simply those who wish to correspond. Ed.]



Canada

Home > Write to the Troops > Mail to "Any Canadian Forces Member"

Mail for "Any Canadian Forces Member"

The Canadian Forces members serving overseas appreciate receiving correspondence from individuals as well as from groups, schools and organizations from across Canada. Post cards and single cards in envelopes may be sent to any of the addresses below. Please note that only parcels as described in the "Bulk Mail" paragraph below are acceptable. Parcels that contain items other than correspondence, such as care packages or donations, will be returned to the sender at the sender's expense. Those wishing to send care packages or donations are to follow this link - Donations.

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Bulk mail

Schools, groups, businesses and associations may send cards and letters bulked in a parcel. The parcel is not to contain any other item other than correspondence. Parcels found to contain items other than correspondence will be returned to the sender at the sender's expense.

- OP *ATHENA* - Kandahar, Afghanistan
- OP *ARCHER* - Kabul, Afghanistan
- OP *BOREAS* - Bihac, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- OP *BRONZE* - Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- OP *CALUMET* - Sinai
- OP *PROTEUS* / OP *JADE*
- CFS Alert
- Sierra Leone
- OP *CROCODILE*
- OP *GLADIUS*
- OP *AUGURAL* - *SAFARI* - Sudan
- OP *AUGURAL* - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Canadian Ships

OP *ATHENA* - Kandahar, Afghanistan

Any Canadian Forces Member
OP ATHENA
 PO BOX 5058 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *ARCHER* - Kabul, Afghanistan

Any Canadian Forces Member

KABUL 100
 PO BOX 5113 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

Camp Mirage:

Any Canadian Forces Member
 PO BOX 5113 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *BOREAS* - Bihac, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Any Canadian Forces Member
CANADIAN CONTINGENT BIHAC
 PO BOX 5219 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *BRONZE* - Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Any Canadian Forces Member
CANADIAN CONTINGENT SARAJEVO
 PO BOX 5207 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *CALUMET* - Sinai

Any Canadian Forces Member
CCMFO
 PO BOX 5237 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *PROTEUS* / OP *JADE*

Any Canadian Forces Member
 OP *JADE*/OP *PROTEUS* (as applicable)
 PO BOX 5239 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

CFS Alert

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Any Canadian Forces Member
 PO BOX 5210 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

Sierra Leone

Any Canadian Forces Member
OP SCULPTURE/REPTILE (as applicable)
 PO BOX 5201 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *CROCODILE*

Authorized senders only. All other mail will be returned to sender.

OP *GLADIUS*

Any Canadian Forces Member
 PO BOX 5238 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *AUGURAL* - *SAFARI* - Sudan

Any Canadian Forces Member
OP AUGURAL - SAFARI
 PO BOX 5225 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

OP *AUGURAL* - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Any Canadian Forces Member
OP AUGURAL - ADDIS ABABA
 PO BOX 5231 STN FORCES
 BELLEVILLE ON K8N 5W6

Canadian Ships

Any Canadian Forces Member
NAME OF THE SHIP
 PO BOX 17000 STN FORCES
 VICTORIA BC V9A 7N2

Any Canadian Forces Member
NAME OF THE SHIP
 PO BOX 99000 STN FORCES
 HALIFAX NS B3K 5X5

Date Modified: 2007-07-30

http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/Community/Messageboard/addresses-2_e.asp

PASSING OF MEMBERS WILF WHITEHOUSE; CHRISTOPHER MILLER

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of long-time member Wilfred ("Wilf") Whitehouse, and former ex-officio member Christopher Miller (the first War Times Editor of the BNAPS World War II Study Group).

Wilf was one of our Royal Canadian Navy specialists and often the "go to" fellow if we needed answers to our questions. An accomplished student, researcher, and author on R.C.N. mail during the Second World War, Wilf was widely considered to be the authority on naval mail and Canadian Armed Forces Air Letters (along with our former late Chairman E.R."Ritch" Toop).



WHITEHOUSE
1921 - 2007

Wilfred Donald Whitehouse of Kamloops, B.C. passed away peacefully on December 31st, 2007 at 86 years of age. Survived by his wife Delphine Louise Whitehouse, children Mike Whitehouse of Sechelt, Ted Whitehouse (Diane) of Edmonton, Susan Hickey (Emma Kivisild) of Vancouver and Mary Johnson (Robert) of Las Vegas. Grandchildren Jeseka Hickey of Montreal, Brennan, Lyndon and Kale Whitehouse of Edmonton and Sonoko Takita Hickey of Vancouver. Predeceased by his grandson Marlon Hickey. A Kamloops resident for 36 years, Wilf was born in Windsor, Ontario on January 5th, 1921. He grew up in Vancouver after his family moved there when he was a young boy. Wilf served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. He married Delphine Louise Balagno in Prince Rupert in 1952 where they raised their family of four children before moving to Kamloops on January 4th, 1971. Wilf worked for the BC Forest Service for 34 years. Wilf was an avid stamp and coin collector, a dedicated hockey fan and a gifted model builder. Building ship models was one of his favourite hobbies and his ships are in the collection of both the Provincial Museum in Victoria and the Maritime Museum in Vancouver. **Wilf was a loving husband, father and friend and he will be missed by many.** A Mass for the Soul of Wilfred will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 255 Nicola St., Kamloops with Reverend Father Tony Ackerman, Celebrant.

Kamloops Funeral Home
1-866-420-7758

Condolences may be emailed to:
sympathy@shawbiz.ca

I will always be indebted to Wilf for his support and frequent assistance during my term as Editor. I am sure that many members will be saddened by his passing.

Chris Miller, of Caversham, Reading, England sadly passed away on December 1, 2007. Chris was widely known as the Hon. Secretary of the Civil Censorship Study Group since 1995, and as a student and authority on civil censor mails. A frequent author, Chris also found time to help start the BNAPS World War II Study Group, and volunteered as its newsletter editor. Most of us on this "side of the pond" knew him best through this role. Chris and I frequently corresponded and I found his willingness to extend a helping hand extremely generous. His passing also leaves a huge void.

Cards and condolences have each been sent to the families on behalf of our membership.



AN 1898 2¢ SEAMAN'S RATE COVER--By Mike Street

Bill Longley Auction, held December 8, 2007, contained lot 136: an 1898 2¢ Seaman's Rate Letter with #68 (2¢ Maple Leaf) tied by a "Halifax, N.S. 1/OC 3/98" squared circle on cover. It was addressed to "Palmer's Green, England" and bore a manuscript endorsement: "Percy W.W. Fitz, C.C., H.M.S. Rambler, Halifax, N.S.". It was countersigned by "Commanding Officer S.A. Day". The Rambler was a sloop that saw service in the surveying of the South China Sea, and later in Malta. Estimate C\$1,000.00; realization C\$2,900.00 + 15% commission= C\$3,335.00 + taxes= C\$3,802.00. This is one of four known letters at the 2¢ Seaman's Rate in the Maple Leaf period. Two others, including one from the same writer to a different addressee as this cover sold on December 8, are illustrated on page 167 of A Canadian Postal History 1897-1911: The Maple Leaf, Numeral, and King Edward Era by George B. Arfken and William S. Pawluk. The 2¢ Seaman/Soldier Rate was abolished with the coming of Imperial Penny Postage on December 25, 1898. [The "C.C." rating denotes "Chief Carpenter".Ed.]

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Doug and I trust that all is well in your part of the world and extend our very best wishes for the coming year. Most of us will be saddened by the loss of Wilf and Chris, two gentlemen widely-known and respected in the military postal history field. They'll be greatly missed.

Thanks are extended to Dave Hanes, Colin Pomfret, Mike Street, and Jerry Jarnick who generously submitted items for this issue. Time is always short in today's world but members' support for this publication is always appreciated. Please send along snippets, articles, illustrations, fillers, comments, questions, or small ads for upcoming issues. They are always welcome and keeps us going from issue to issue! As the saying goes: "why wait for spring, do it now"!

David Collyer, our member "Down Under", sent along an interesting article on Canadian caricature Anglo-Boer War patriotic covers written by our member in South Africa Dr. J.R. Frank, RDPSA, FRPSL*. It was in The SA Philatelist (April 2007). Members familiar with these covers will recognize the "Cause of it All" caricature of "Oom Paul Kruger". Not-so-common is the 1901 caricature cover by J.O. Labrecque & Cie, coal merchants in Montreal, showing Boers and Africans admiring an upright polar bear. Copyright does not allow me to reprint the piece but members interested can contact me with a SASE. Thanks David and an excellent article Dr. Frank! [*Former member.Ed.]

Jim Felton sent in, many years ago (sorry Jim!), an article from Mainline Modeler (April 1998) entitled "Station Master's House At Nelson" by Mike Barone and illustrated scale drawings by Patrick Lawson. The article featured the Canadian Pacific Railway's residence for the Kootenay Division superintendent in British Columbia. The house was built in 1911 and during the Great War it "...served as a hospital for wounded soldiers" (p.68). It is an attractive home and the article goes on to state that "In 1997, it became 'Station Manor Internet Cafe,' and presently has a small art gallery and antique shop on the upper floor....". Send along a SASE if interested in a copy of the article. Do any members have covers from soldiers in Nelson recuperating at the home?

SMALL ADS

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FOR SALE: Extensive collection of RCAF Station material. Majority covers, but some pieces and stamps. Price \$2,500 Cdn. Contact: Dave Hanes, 33 Lillian Cresc., Barrie, ON L4N 4P8 or email: dhanes@sympatico.ca (2/2)

WANTED: Still seeking Great War-related material--Newfoundland Regiment covers/cards; domestic censored etc. ; 19th century Royal Navy ship covers associated with Canada's coasts. D. Mario, Box 342, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3 (1/2)

Upcoming in the next issue...U.S. Naval Station, Halifax; Canadian Forces Posts, Bombay; Forces Letters. .and much, much more!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!