



# Canadian Military Mail Study Group

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NEW LISTINGS CFPO 5058--By Maj. G.H. Sawatzki (Ret'd.)

Working on my military covers, I discovered several cancels that are not listed (to my knowledge) in The BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings, Vol.III: From Victory in 1945 to Afghanistan, C.D. Sayles, Ed. (2006). These may be of interest to our study group and our Chairman and Editor of the above.

Ottawa, N.D.H.Q. (Right)  
(then Kandahar, Dec.'05)

Operation ARCHER (Below)  
(later Kabul)



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PO BOX 5058 STN FORCES  
BELLEVILLE ON  
K0N 5W8



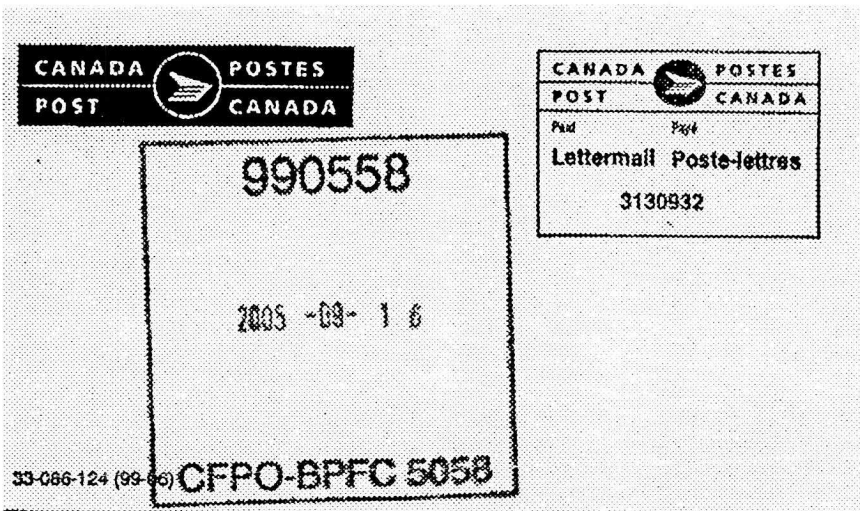
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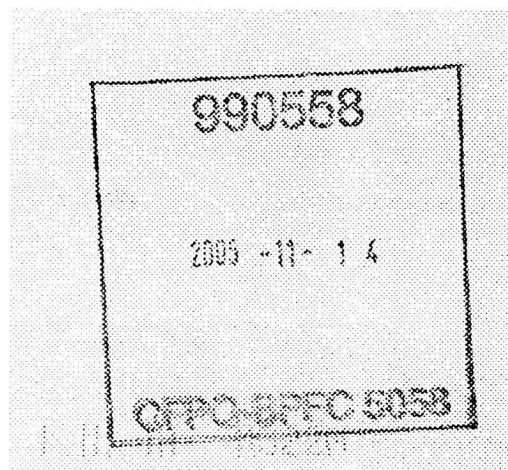
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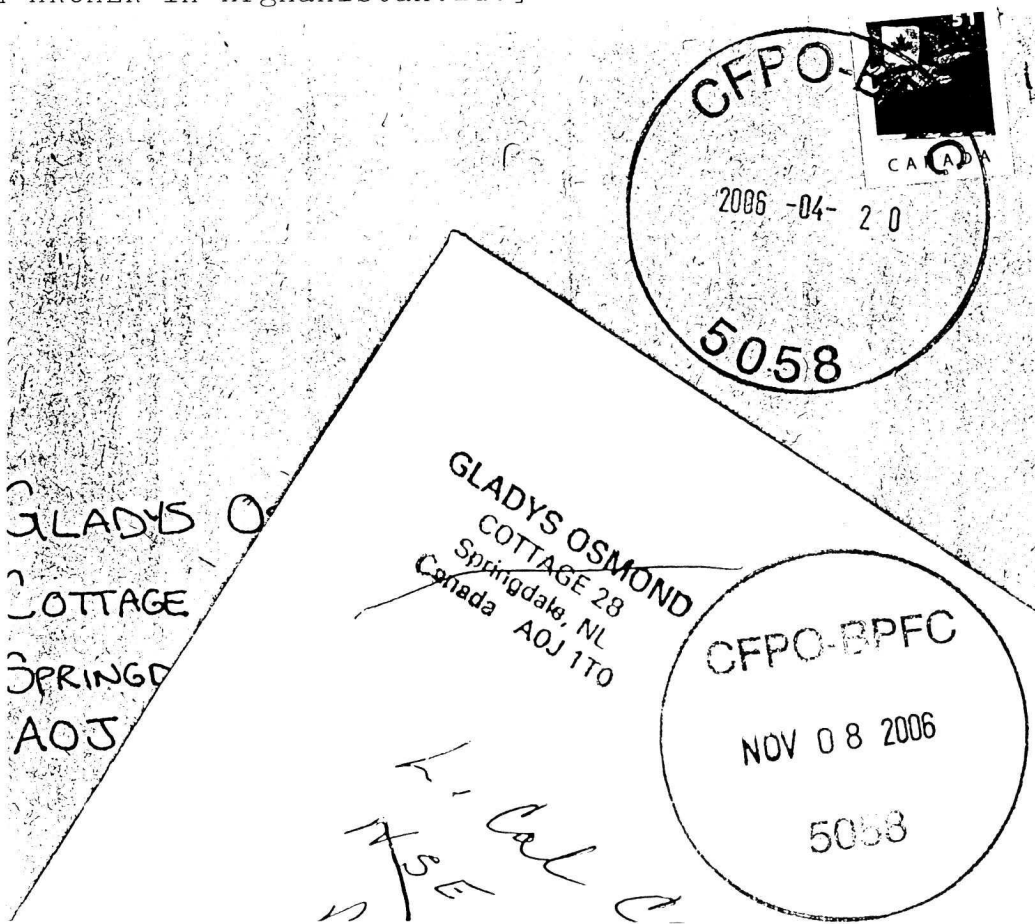


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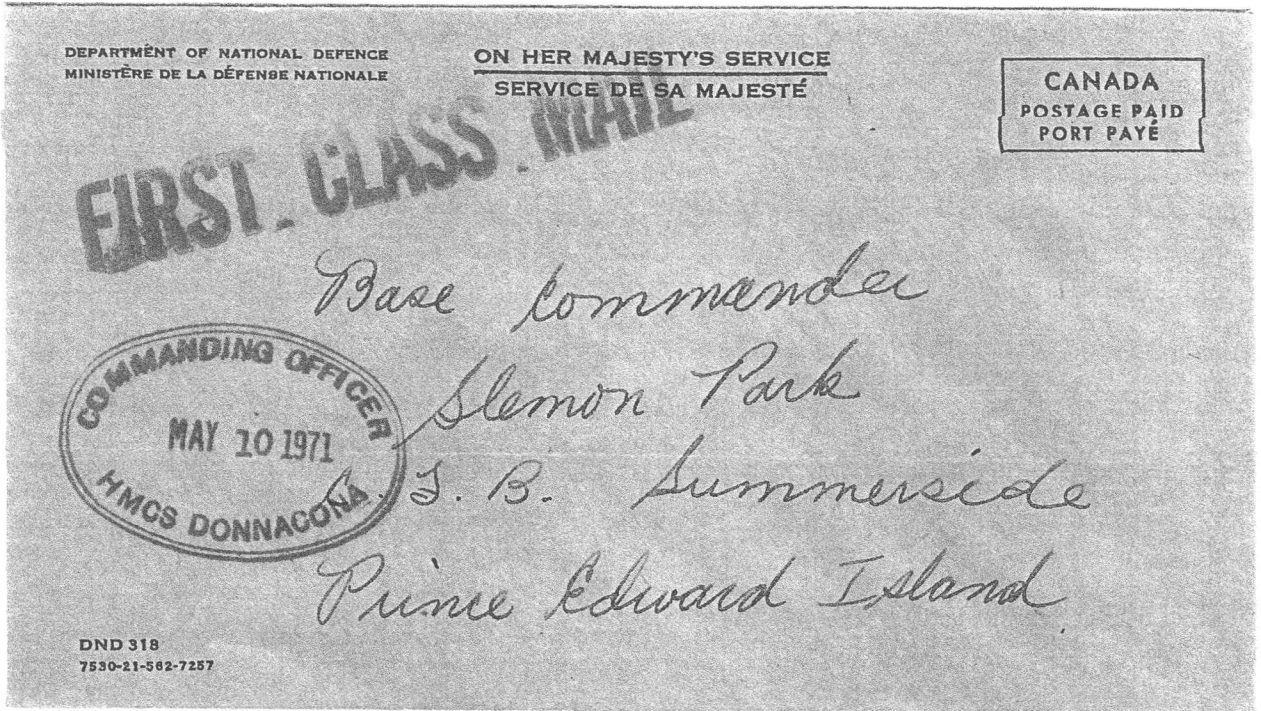
MORE NEW LISTINGS CFPO 5058--By Dave Hanes

[Coincidentally, Dave also sent in previously some similar items along with another new one with the "5058" centred. Both, of course, are related to Operation ARCHER in Afghanistan.Ed.]

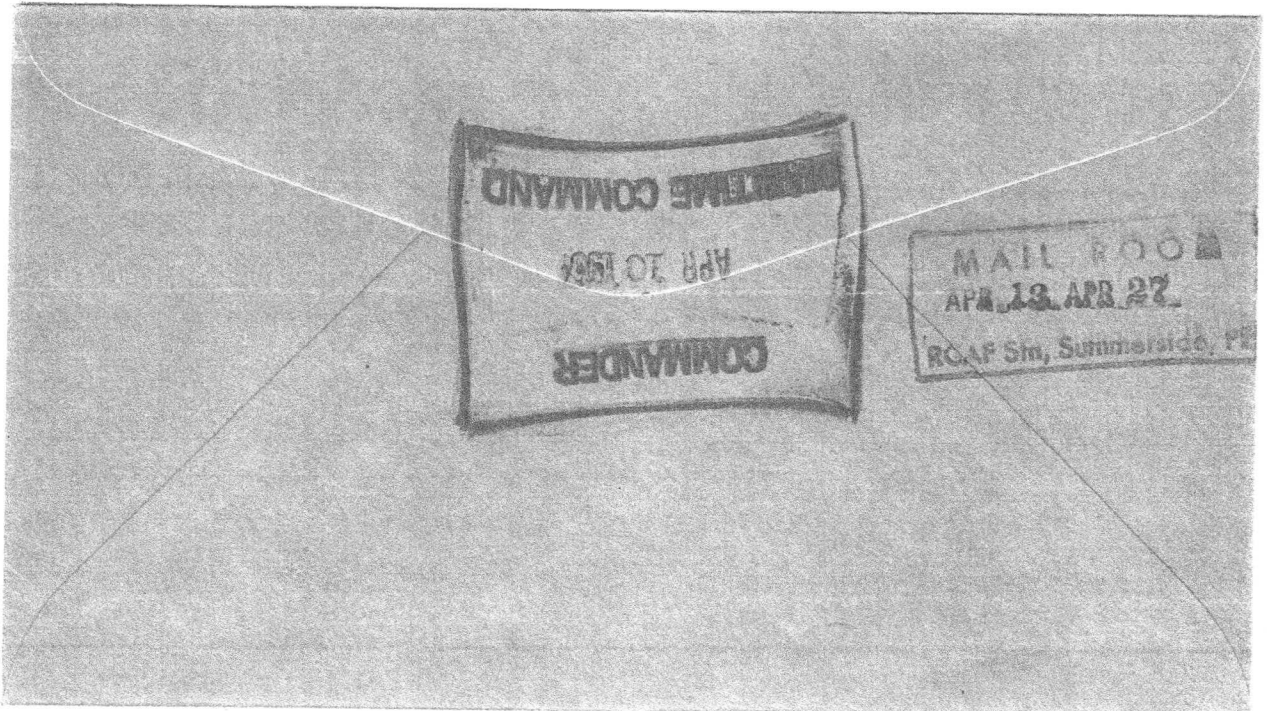


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R.C.N. SHORE MARKINGS--A MISCELLANY



These covers bear a wide-range of interesting, albeit probably philatelic, markings. All appear to have been requested by former study group member Rev. Jack Walsh, CD, who is well-known to many members. Nearly all are



from 1971 although some covers dated that year have different dates on the reverse! Samples were no doubt provided without changing the rotary date centre. The following HMCS Quadra marking has been "pieced" together with  
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two separate covers to illustrate the sample. Many of these markings were

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Westwin, Manitoba

Attn: Base Chaplain (P)

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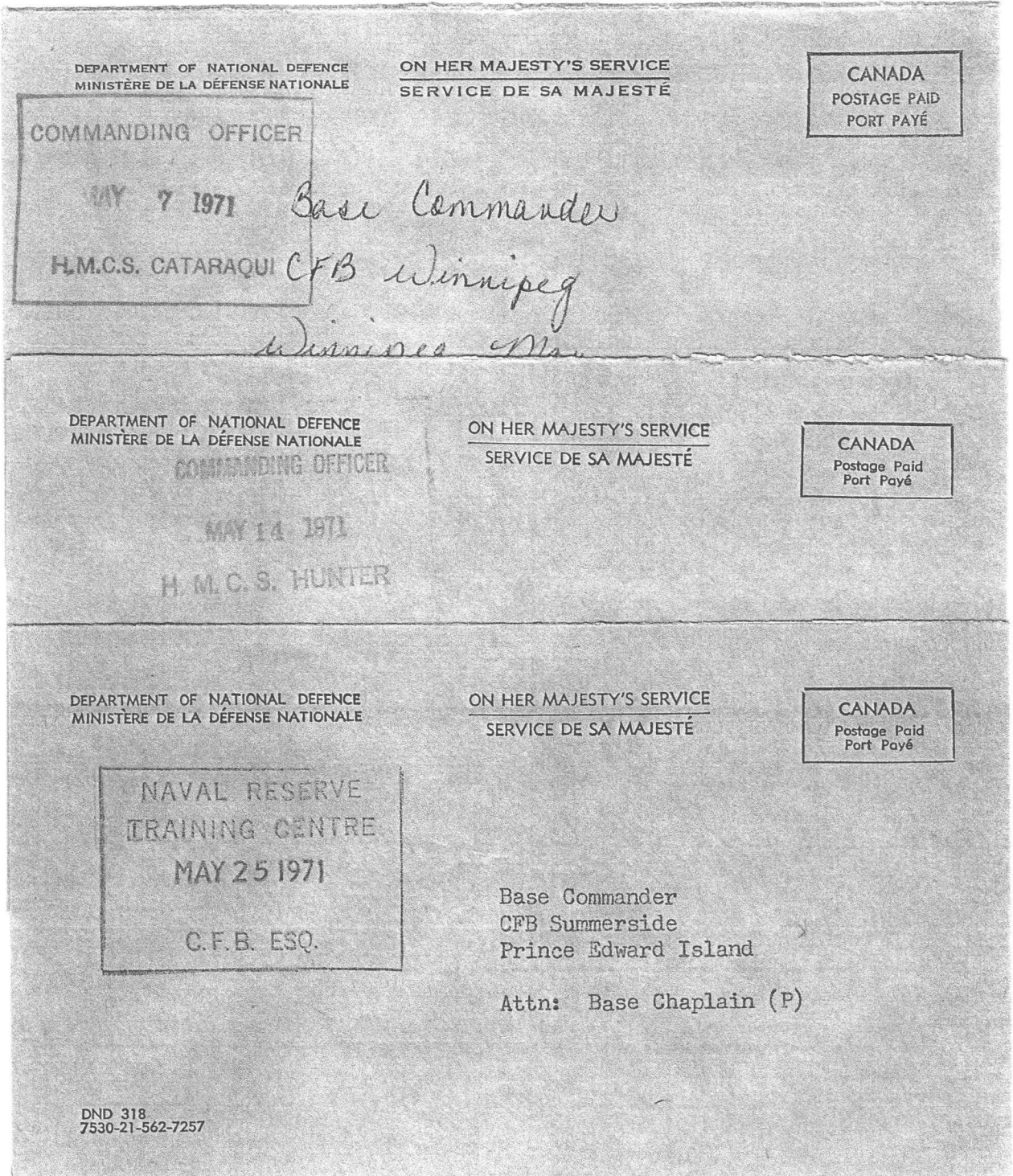
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HMCS QUADRA

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provided in carmine/red ink so I hope that they will copy well.



The large "CONFIDENTIAL" handstamp was on the reverse of the Malahat cover. The C.F.B. Cornwallis "Central Registry" marking availability on mail may be unusual.

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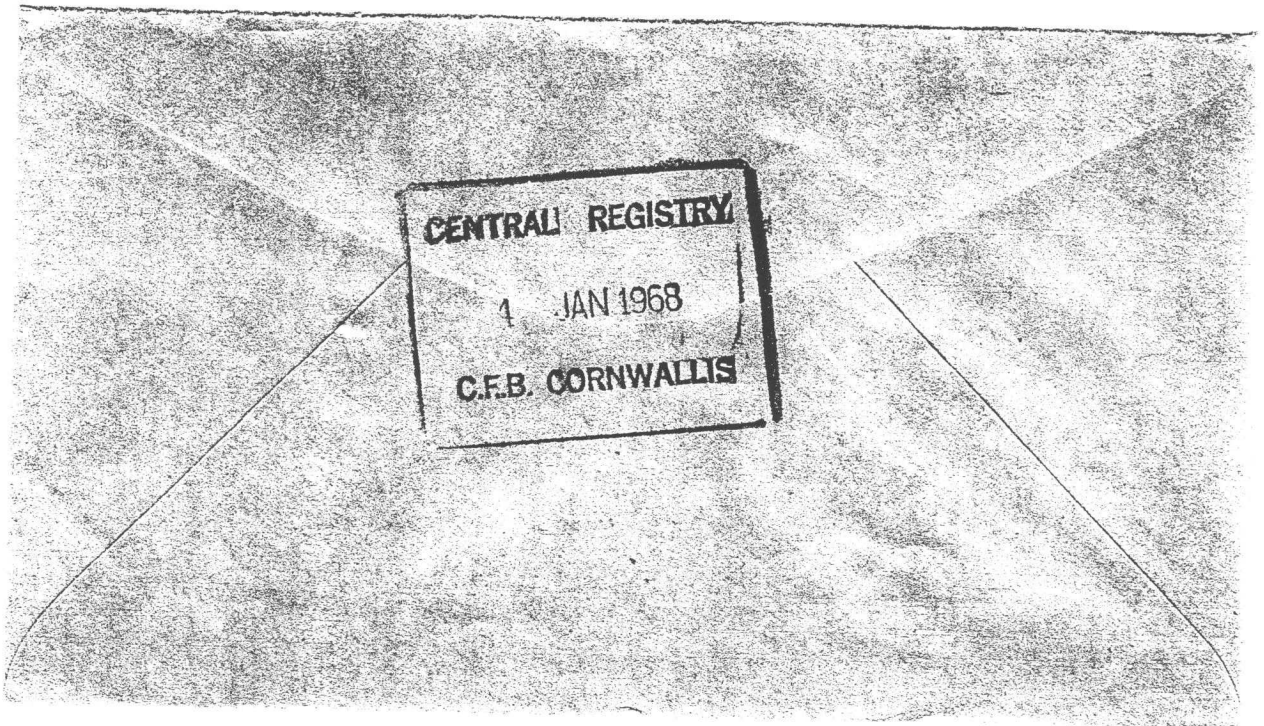
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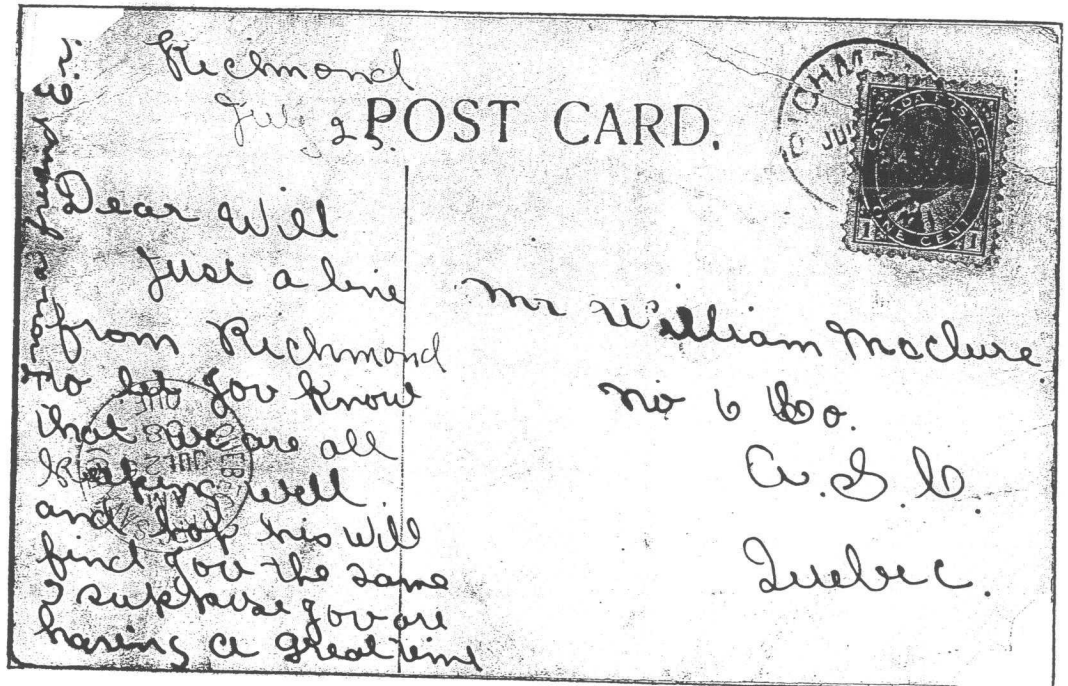


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1908 QUEBEC TRICENTENARY--By Colin Pomfret

[Three CDS temporary camp markings used during the province's celebrations are noted by Bailey and Toop. All are quite scarce. Colin sent in these two cards associated with the festivities.Ed.]

"Quebec  
(Parc Savard)/  
Que./Jul 26/08"

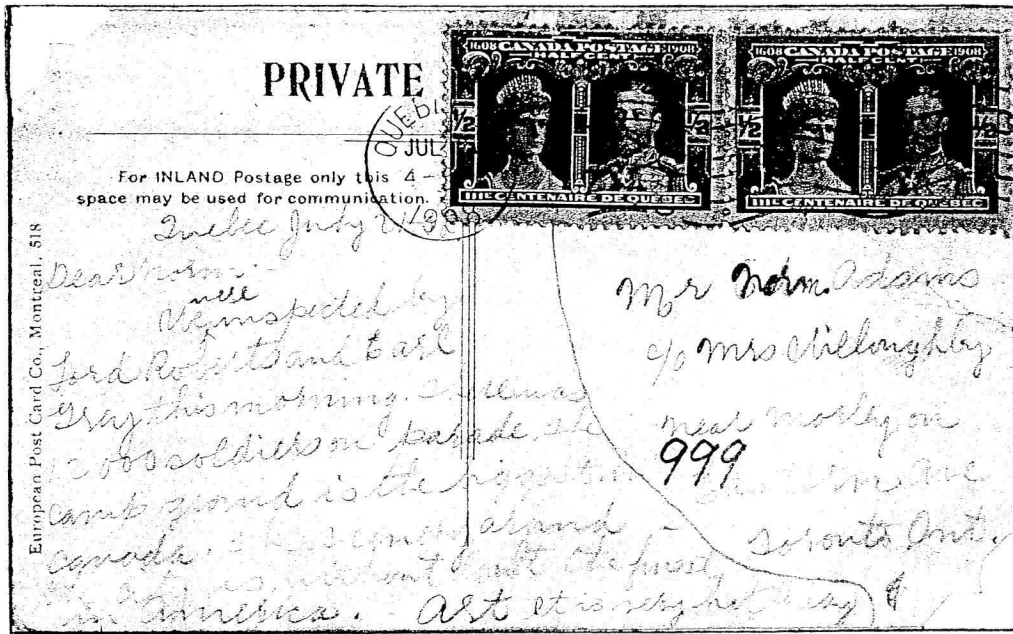


Proof strike  
Bailey & Toop



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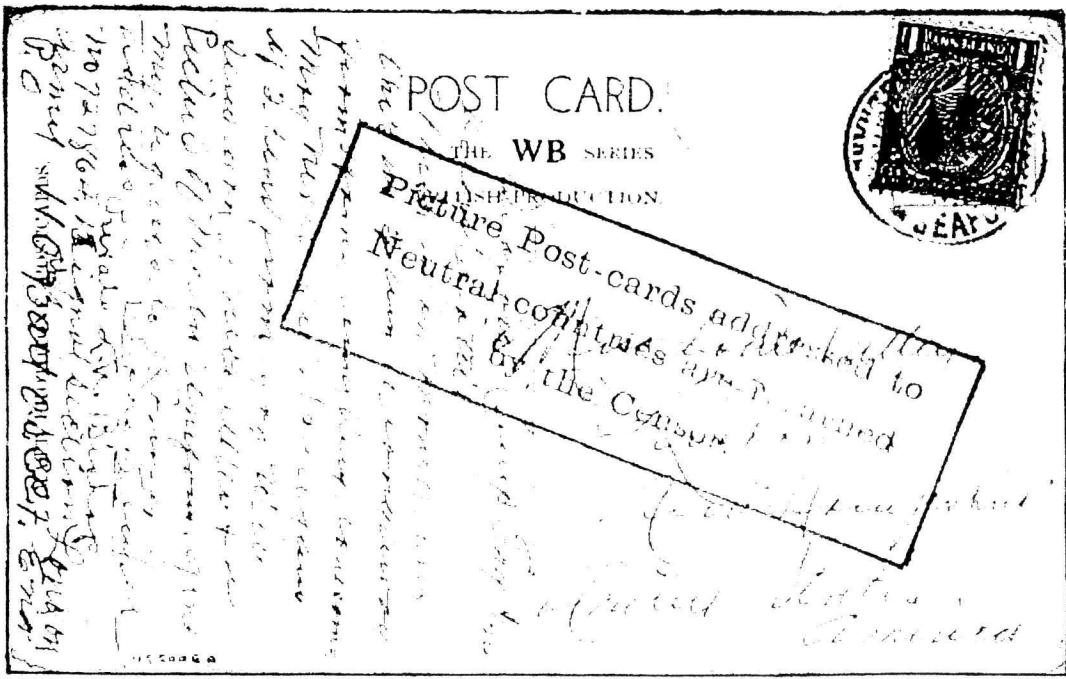


The above card, dated July 21, 1908, has a message which notes: "We were inspected by Lord Roberts and Earl Grey this morning. There was [sic] 12,000 soldiers on parade. The camp ground is the biggest in Canada....". [The special commemorative stamps were issued July 16.Ed.]

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP OF POSTCARDS, ENGLAND 1916--By Martin Evans\*

[\*Guest contributor. Graham Mark, Editor of the Civil Censorship Study Group, kindly intervened and asked Martin if the following, concerning a Canadian soldier, could be used within our pages. He agreed. It is from his article in the CCSG Bulletin, July 2001, p.70. Thanks are extended to both gentlemen.Ed.]



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OE--P. C. 9594.

(7 25 20) W3627-483 10,000 7/11  
10514-015 10,000 11/18The accompanying letter from 727.864 Batt. K. W.

Lij. Sec.  
 which reveals the whereabouts of a unit of His Majesty's Forces is returned by  
 the Chief Postal Censor to the Officer Commanding 2nd Res. Coy.  
Richmond under Army Council Instruction 971, which is  
 as follows:—

"1. In all letters addressed to persons in neutral countries and to prisoners of war in enemy countries, officers and men are warned not to mention the unit to which they belong, nor to use notepaper that by crest or otherwise reveals its identity. Since the date stamp on the envelope indicates the post town of origin, failure to observe this precaution may betray the station of the unit and thus give information of value to the enemy, if the letter falls into hands for which it was not intended."

"2. Letters which infringe this Instruction are liable to be returned to the sender."

If the writer has a relative or friend in this country to whose care a reply can be sent, he should give the address of such relative or friend and arrange for letters so addressed to be forwarded to him.

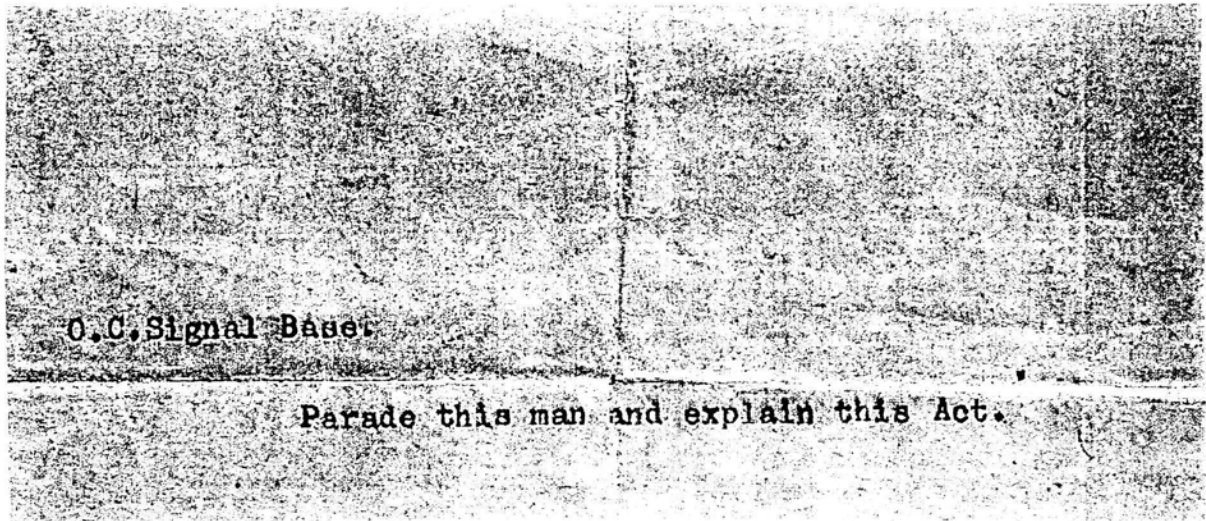
If not, he may request the addressee to reply to him c/o the Chief Postal Censor, Strand House, Portugal Street, London, W.C., who if the writer's address is notified to him will undertake to forward the reply.

It would be of advantage if the attention of all ranks in the battalion concerned were drawn to the terms of the above Army Council Instruction.

WAR OFFICE,

1.iii. 1917

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(Reverse)

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CANADIAN SOLDIER IDENTIFIED! DAILY MAIL POSTCARD

[In searching for something unrelated, I came upon the following information connected with the card below. Members will be familiar with it, I'm sure.]



The card is from the well-known Great War series issued by the Daily Mail. The "Official War Photographs, Series VII, No.50" above bears the caption on the reverse: "Decoration on the field is an honour coveted by soldiers. The picture shows a brave Canadian Lance-Corporal receiving the D.C.M.".

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The card is printed in black and white. I also have another card with a similar scene but in a sepia-brown tint which may have preceded the black and white version. It is numbered "Series 4, No.25".

According to Daniel G. Dancocks' Gallant Canadians: The Story of the Tenth Canadian Infantry Battalion, 1914-1919 (Calgary: Calgary Highlanders Regimental Funds Foundation, 1990), page 57, the scene reproduced depicts Lt.-General Edwin Alderson (the Corps Commander) pinning the "ribbon" of the Distinguished Conduct Medal on the tunic of Lance-Corporal Frank Cox for his actions in the Tenth's first trench raid on the night of February 4-5, 1916 (National Archives of Canada photo/PA-5592). Behind Cox was Private Louis Zuidema, who was also awarded the D.C.M. in the same action. Both, along with the other D.C.M. winners in the raid, were given a week's leave in London where King George V handed each man his medal.

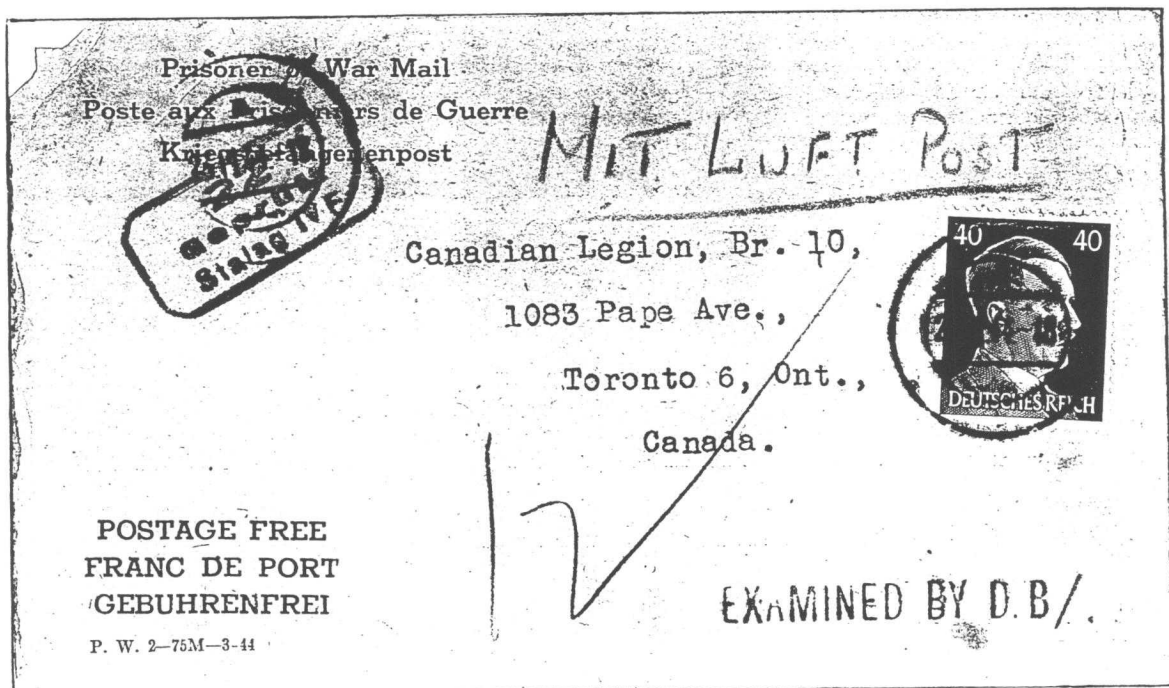
Dancocks notes that the raid was a "minor affair" and did not "warrant mention in the Canadian official history" (p.72), but was nevertheless a partial success. Four members of the Tenth were killed and seventeen were wounded (mostly from cuts from the barbed wire).

Cox, previously Mentioned-in-Despatches as a Private, was subsequently wounded a few months later. Zuidema, also received M-I-D, was a twenty-seven-year-old Dutch-born original and was "praised for his great coolness and courage" (p.72). He too was subsequently wounded and after the war, went back to his home in Calgary, Alberta and ran a corner grocery for some fifty years!

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CANADIAN P.O.W., STALAG IVF, 1944--By Colin Pomfret

Here is a postcard enclosed in a parcel to Stalag IVF [Hartmannsdorf, Germany.Ed.] sent by Canadian Legion Branch 10 (Toronto) and endorsed "Mit Luft Post".



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It was unusual for a P.O.W. to send a postcard air mail and more unusual as the prisoner had to pay the air mail fee. [Some 200 British and Allied P.O.W.'s were employed by a lead-mining company at Freiburg, one of several satellite camps under Stalag IVF's umbrella. They worked in appalling conditions and many were ill and kept in near-starvation. According to S.P. Mackenzie's The Colditz Myth (pp.103,170), the OKW, the Oberkommando der Wehrmacht (the department under the German High Command to administer prisoner affairs), often cut rations to many Stalags, including IVF, when prisoner's Red Cross parcels arrived.Ed.]

(Reverse)

Name Nom	PTE H. TAYLOR		
File No. Dossier N°	38610		
	PARCEL RECEIVED COLIS REÇU	Date le	1-11-44
Signature	<i>H. Taylor</i>		
Address Adresse	STALAG IVF (C:58)		
Sender's name Expéditeur	Canadian Legion Branch 10		

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Doug and I hope that your spring is going well and that everyone has a nice summer (or winter if the situation warrants!). Thanks are kindly extended to one of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous, for donating a good amount of postage for our cause. It helps immensely and is greatly appreciated! Charlie Livermore called to inform members that his project to place our newsletters' back issues on the BNAPS website is complete. This is a huge undertaking and Charlie is to be commended. One can view them at [bnatopics.org](http://bnatopics.org) or through the regular [bnaps.org](http://bnaps.org) website. A note from Maurice Hampson also arrived to inform us of his last Vol.6 of The Royal Canadian Naval Postal History, 1939-1945 (32pp.) is done. He's selling them at \$20 plus \$1.92 postage. Contact Maurice at [navalmail@shaw.ca](mailto:navalmail@shaw.ca) (.) Members are reminded that BNAPS acquired the copyright and remaining stock of all five previous volumes (see Topics, 506, Vol.63(1), Jan.-Mar. 2006, p.69) or contact: <http://www.iankimmerly.com/books> for more information. We are saddened to learn of the resignation of Colin Campbell, our group's first newsletter Editor and early group member. Colin did a wonderful job and one can see his efforts (and group members') through the above website. Early documentation, surveys, and initial work were the foundation of our group today. Thank you Colin!

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WANTED: Still seeking WWI Newfoundland material. Also now buying "reasonably-priced" WWI and WWII postal history from Canadians held in German P.O.W. camps. D. Mario, Box 342, Station Main, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3 (1/2)

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