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"AT HOME" JANUARY 1, 1937, NO.1 COMPOSITE CO.,
ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS SIGNALS



The Officer Commanding
and Officers
of
No. 1 Composite Company
Royal Canadian Corps Signals
wish you
The Compliments of the Season

"At Home" New Year's Day
Friday, January the First
nineteen hundred and thirty-seven
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

The Armouries Annex
Richmond at Queens

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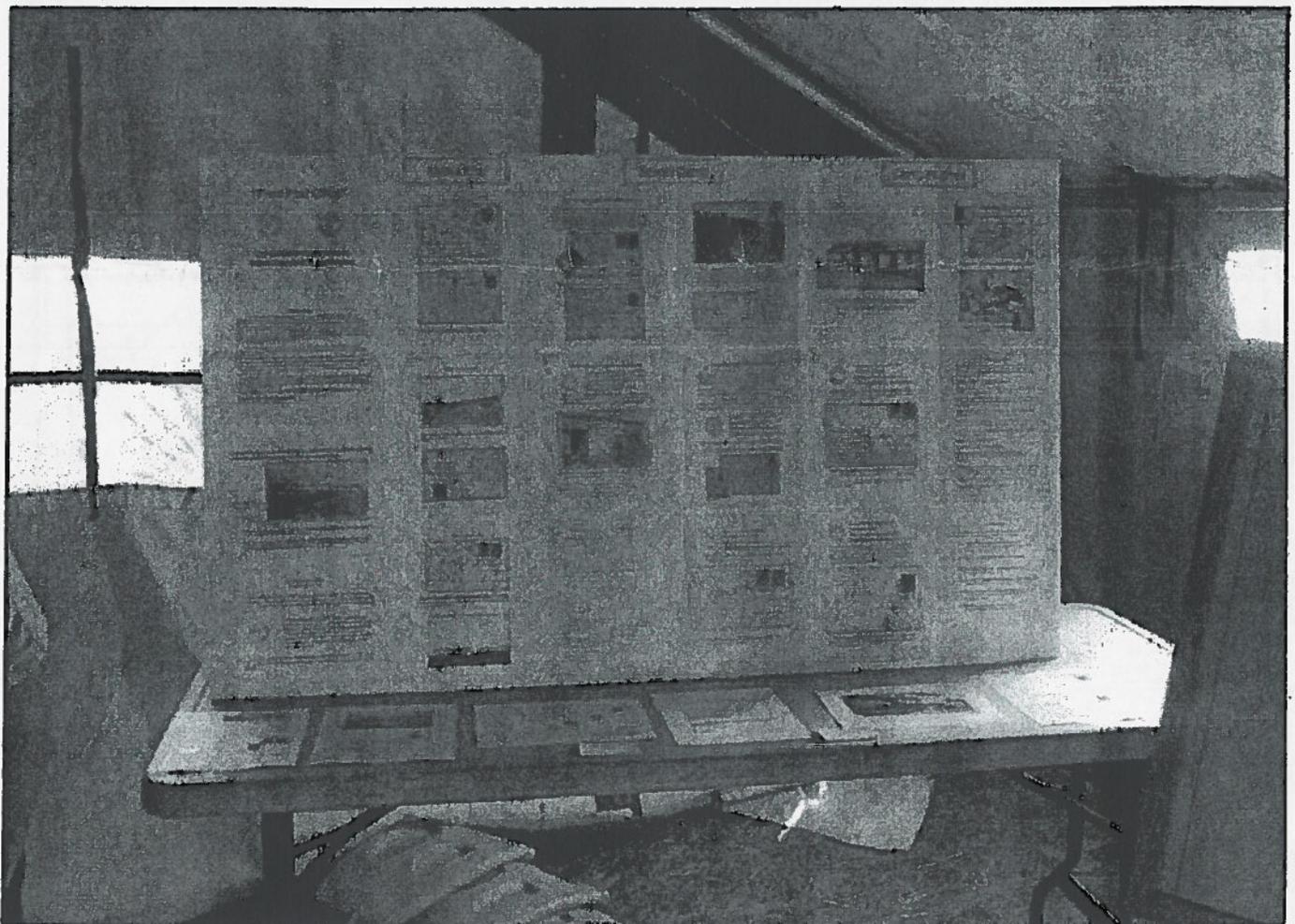
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CAMP HUGHES DAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011--By Darcy Hickson

I have sent some images of "Camp Hughes Day" which was hosted on October 2 by the "Friends of Camp Hughes". Approximately 240 people participated in six guided tours of the training trenches. Twelve volunteers from the Military History Society of Manitoba helped with the tours and informative stops along the way.

In a tent nearby, displays included archaeological findings from the area, a Vickers machine gun from the Winnipeg Rifles Museum, and I had a display of the operations of the Canadian Postal Corps from the Militia-era camps to the 1915-1916 Great War C.E.F. training camps.



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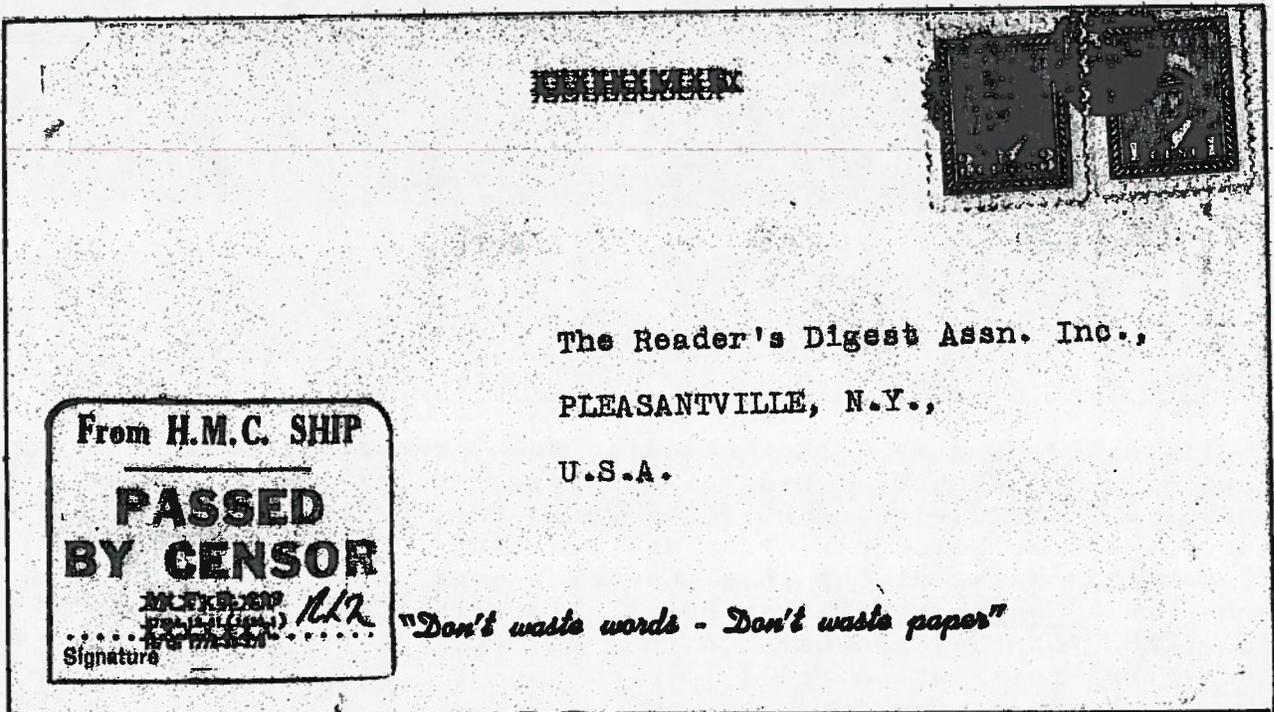
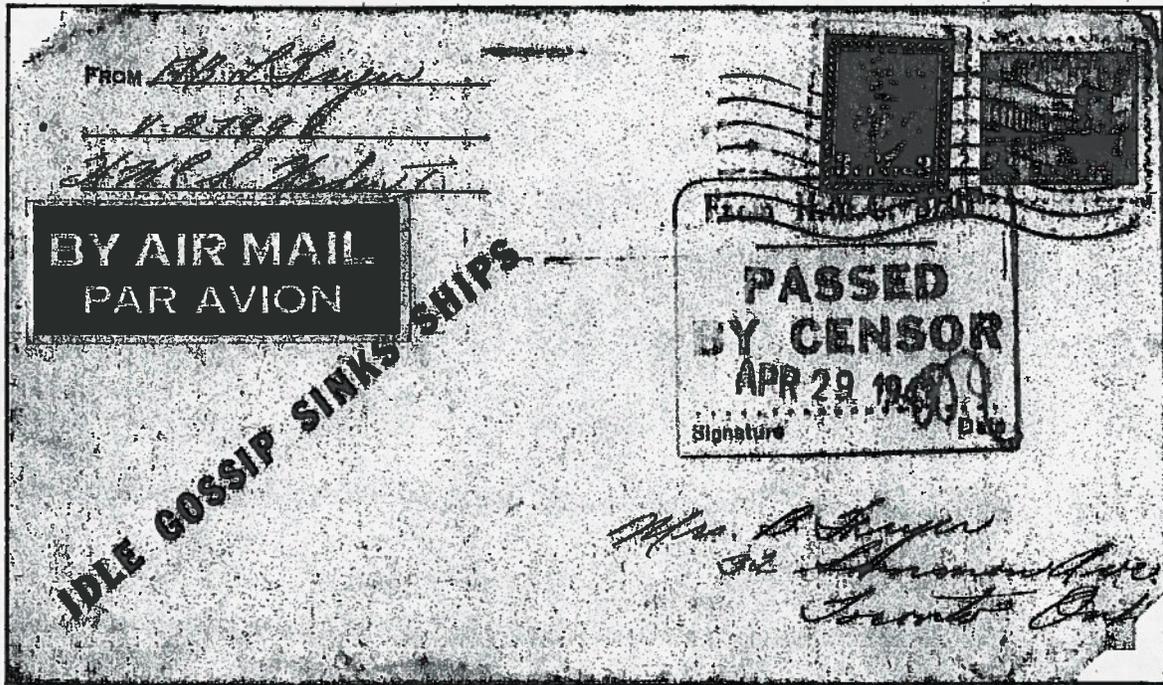


ANOTHER LOOK AT THE "WHITEHOUSE" R.C.N. CENSORS--By Colin Pomfret

[Colin has done some work, including some greater attention to the late Wilf Whitehouse's study of the types and sub-types of the R.C.N. censor devices used in the Second World War. He includes in the following pages some major revisions and additions. Members are referred to "Censorship Marks of the Royal Canadian Navy During WWII," W.D. Whitehouse in A Canadian Military Postal History Anthology, Ken V. Ellison, Ed. (CMMSG/BNAPS, Kelowna: R.A. Lee Philatelist Ltd., 1991), for more background information. Ed.]

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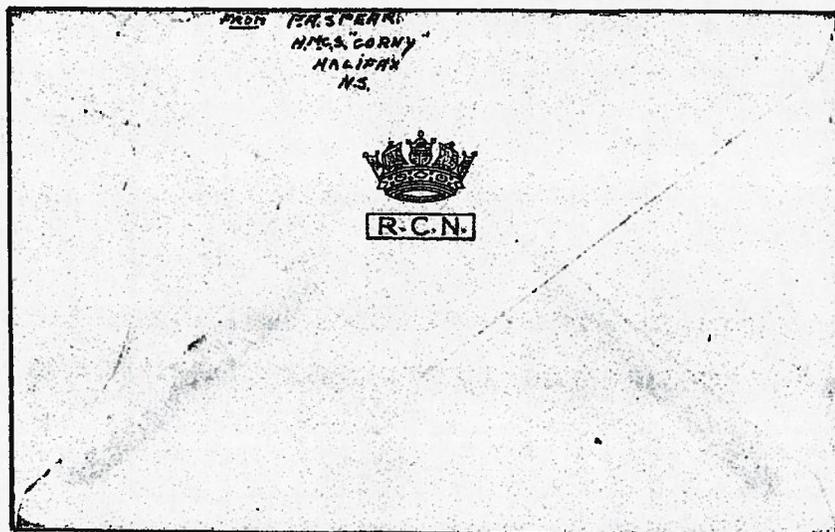
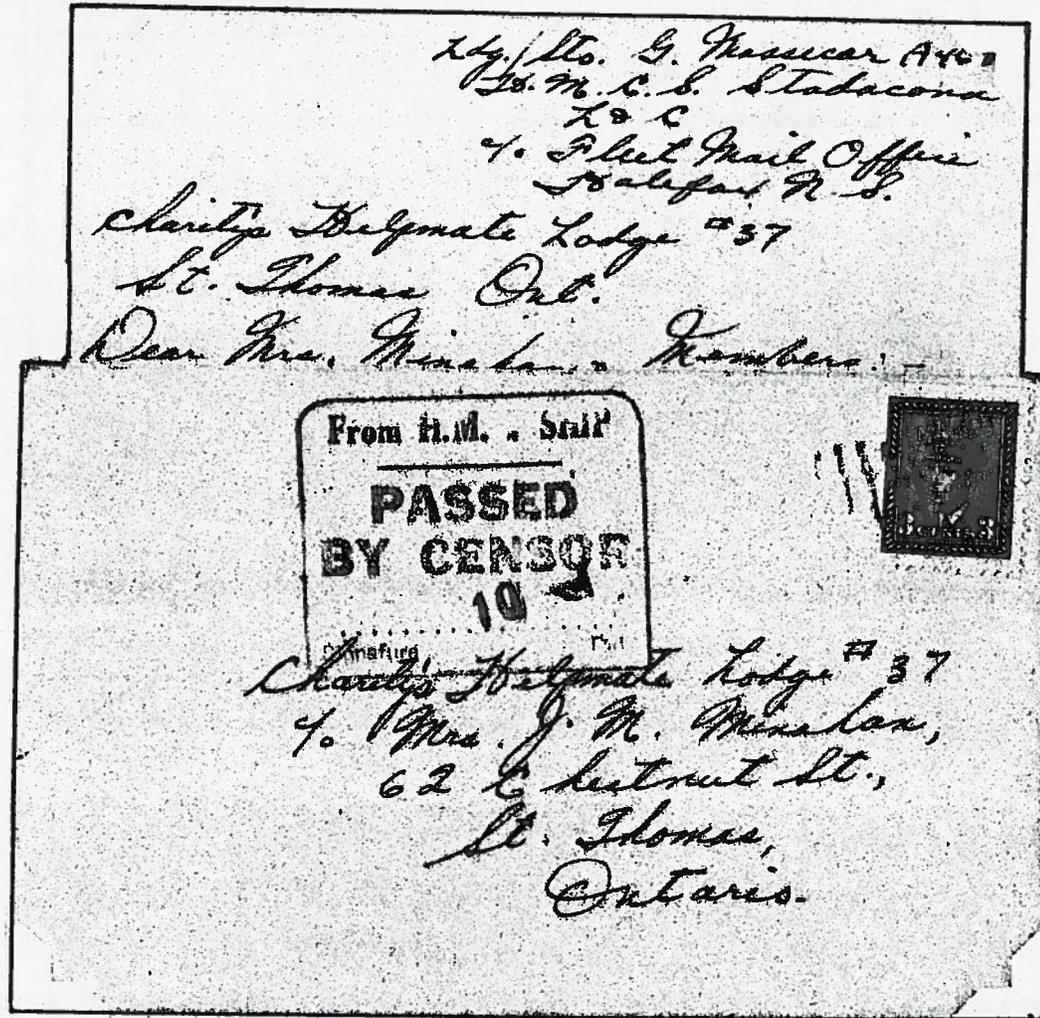
WHITEHOUSE TYPE 1



WHITEHOUSE TYPE 1a
(DATE REMOVED)

WHITEHOUSE TYPE 1b
("C" OF H.M.C. SHIP REMOVED)
H.M.C.S. STADACONA

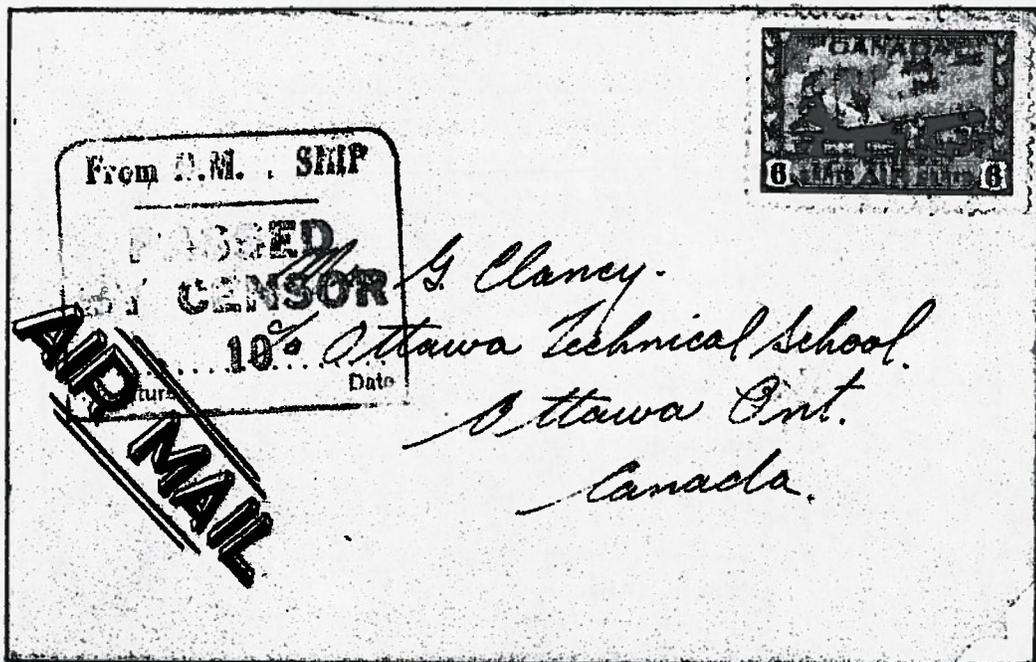
ALSO USED AT: H.M.C.S. CORNWALLIS AND U.S. NAVAL BASE
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA



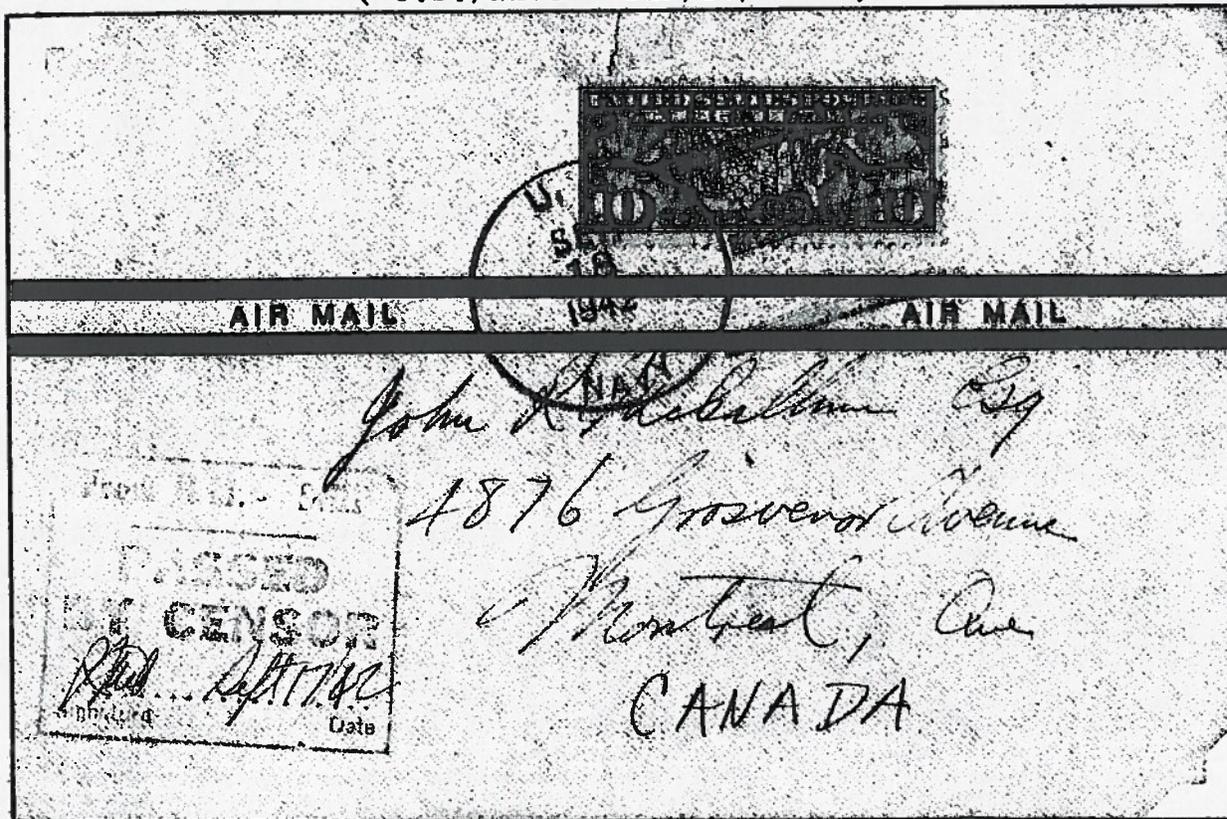
WHITEHOUSE TYPE 1b

POSTED AT H.M.C.S. CORN-
WALLIS ("CORN")

NOTE SIMILARITY TO ABOVE
COVER WITH RUBBER STAMPED
"10" IN PLACE OF THE CEN-
SOR'S INITIALS. [See fol-
lowing illustration top.Ed.]

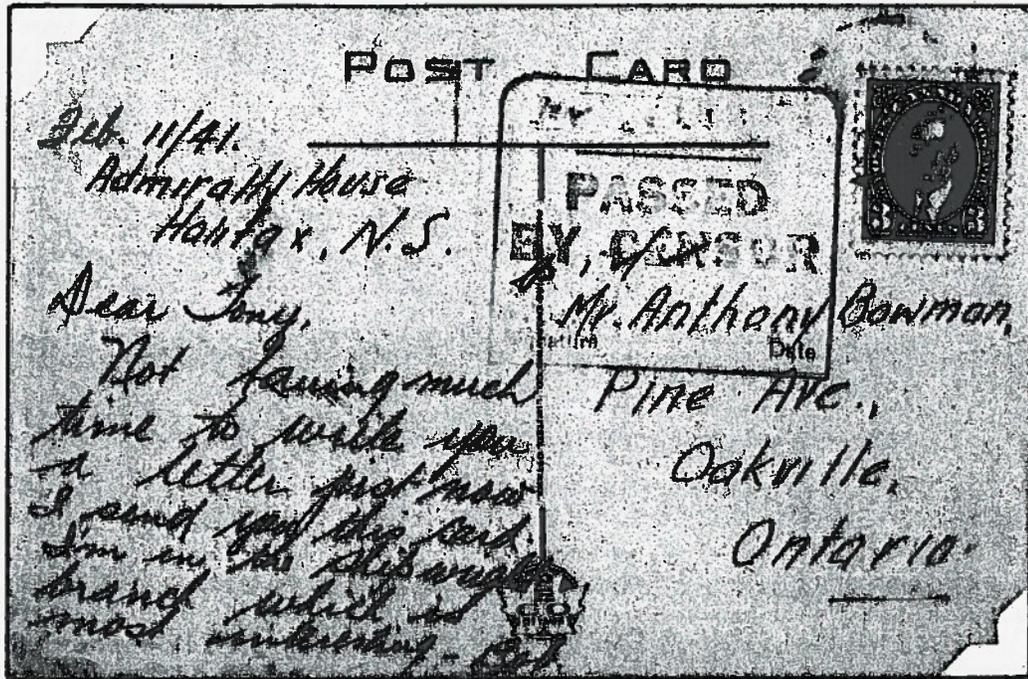


WHITEHOUSE TYPE 1b
 POSTED AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA BY
 LT. R. McCALLUM, R.C.N.V.R.
 ("U.S./NAVY SEP/18/1942")



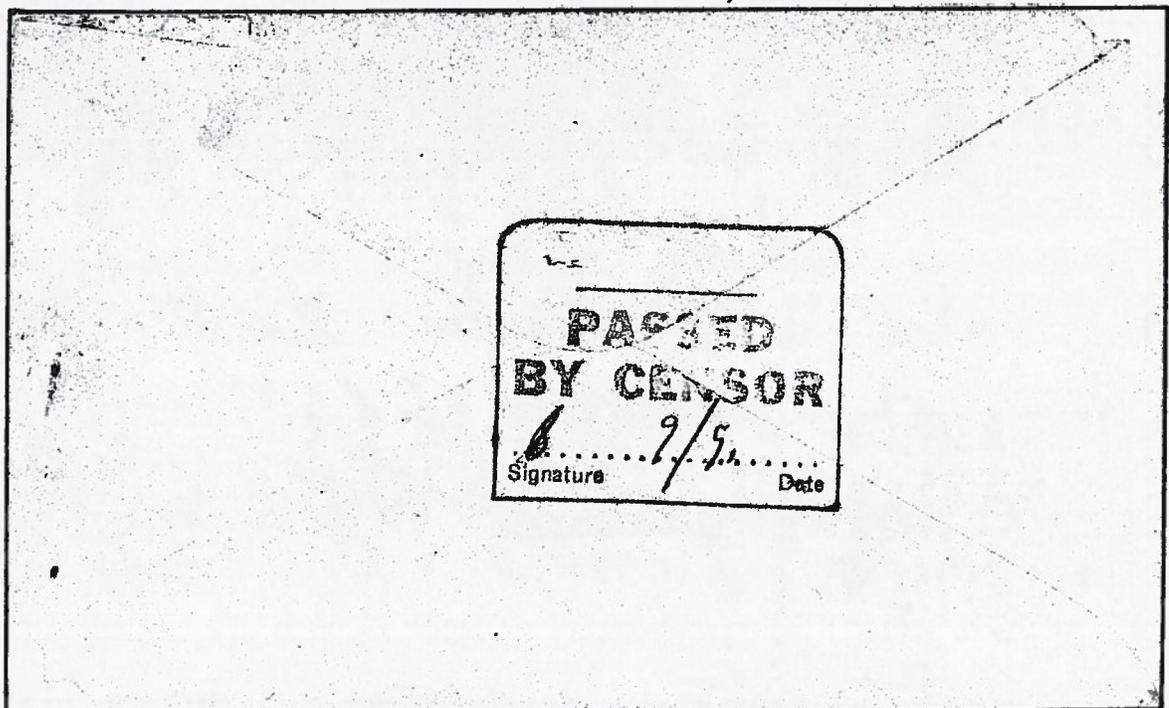
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USED FROM ADMIRALTY HOUSE

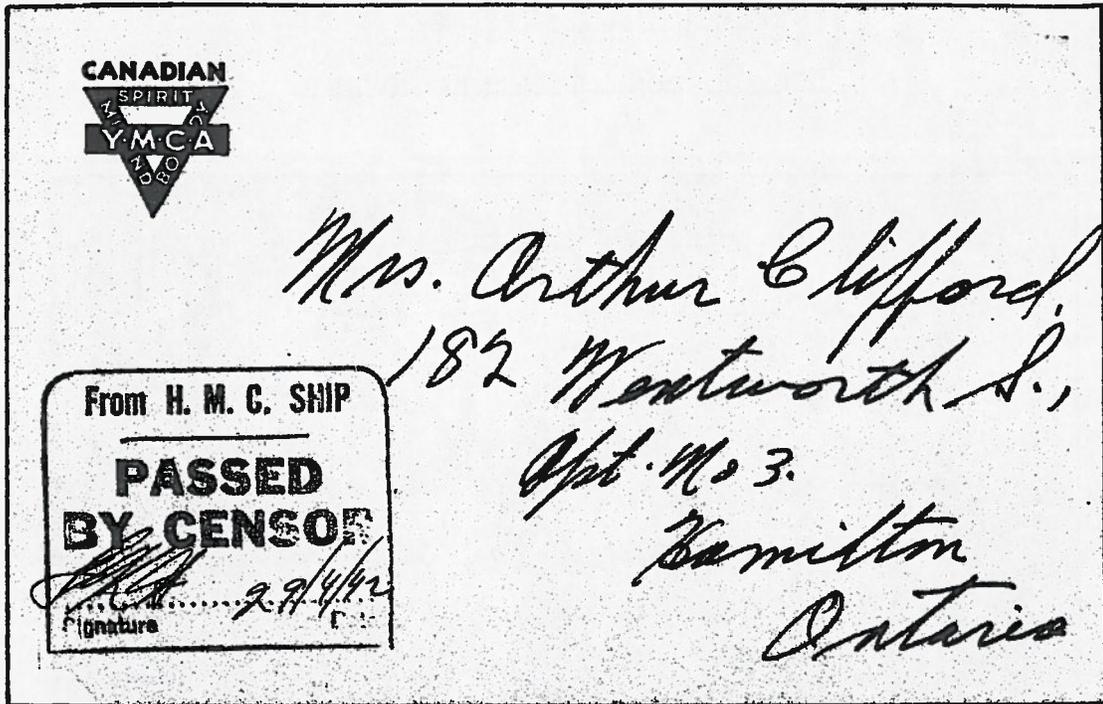


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USED FROM H.M.C. DOCKYARD, HALIFAX



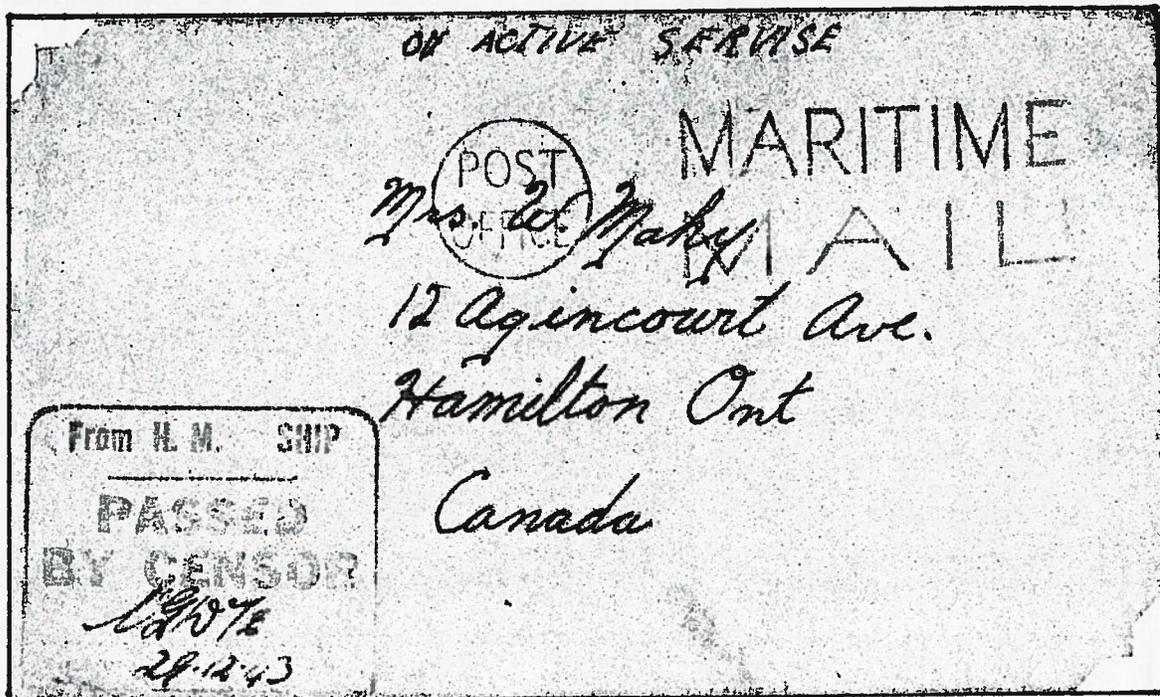
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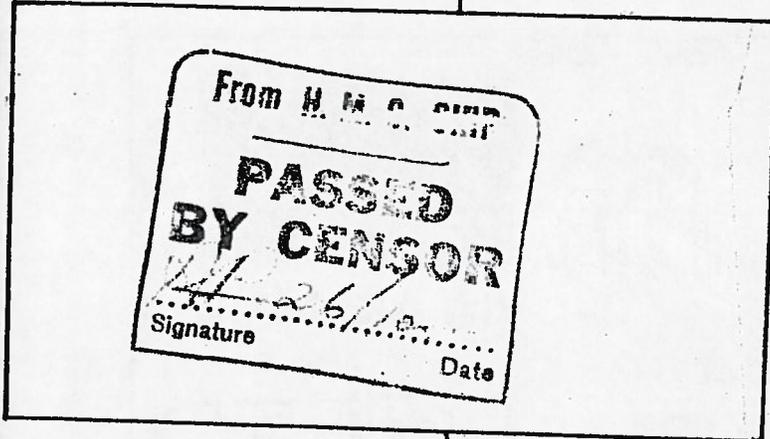
WHITEHOUSE TYPE 2a
("C" OF H.M.C. SHIP REMOVED)

RETURN ADDRESS: "H.M.L.S.T. 413, FROM H.M.S. ASBURY PARK,
NEW JERSEY

THESE LANDING SHIP TANKS WERE CREWED BY CANADIANS AND SAILED
ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

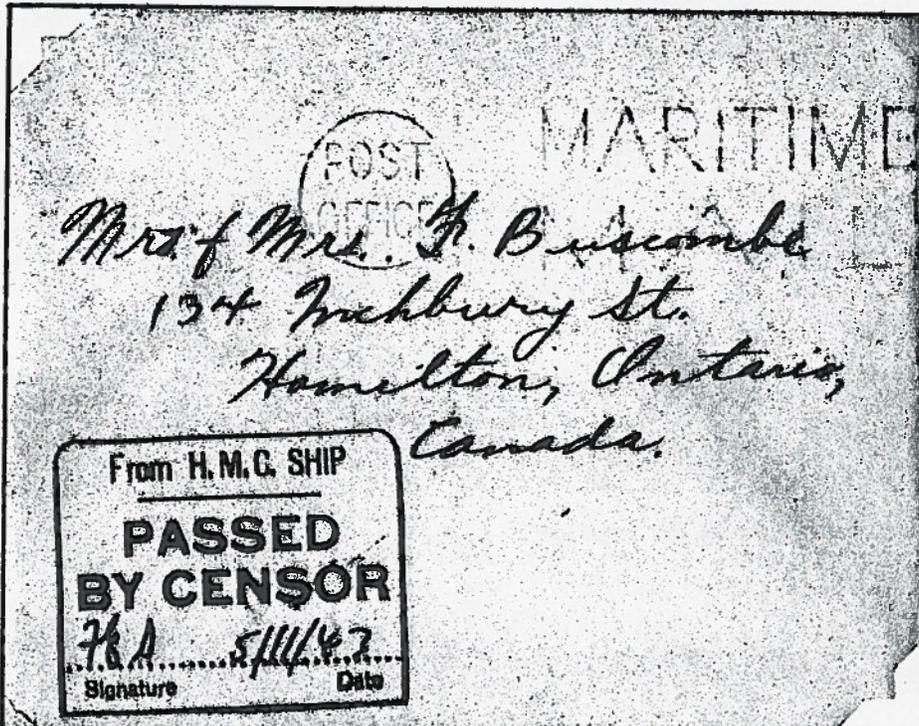


WHITEHOUSE TYPE 2b
(OLD WHITEHOUSE TYPE 4)
DISTORTED STAMP



*The Press,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.*

ALTHOUGH THIS STAMP APPEARS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER TYPE 2'S, IT IS A TYPE 2 AND CAN BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE BREAK IN THE UPPER LEFT FRAMELINE. WITH THE ADDITION OF FIRST CLASS POSTAGE, IT APPEARS IT WAS USED AT A SHORE BASED INSTALLATION.



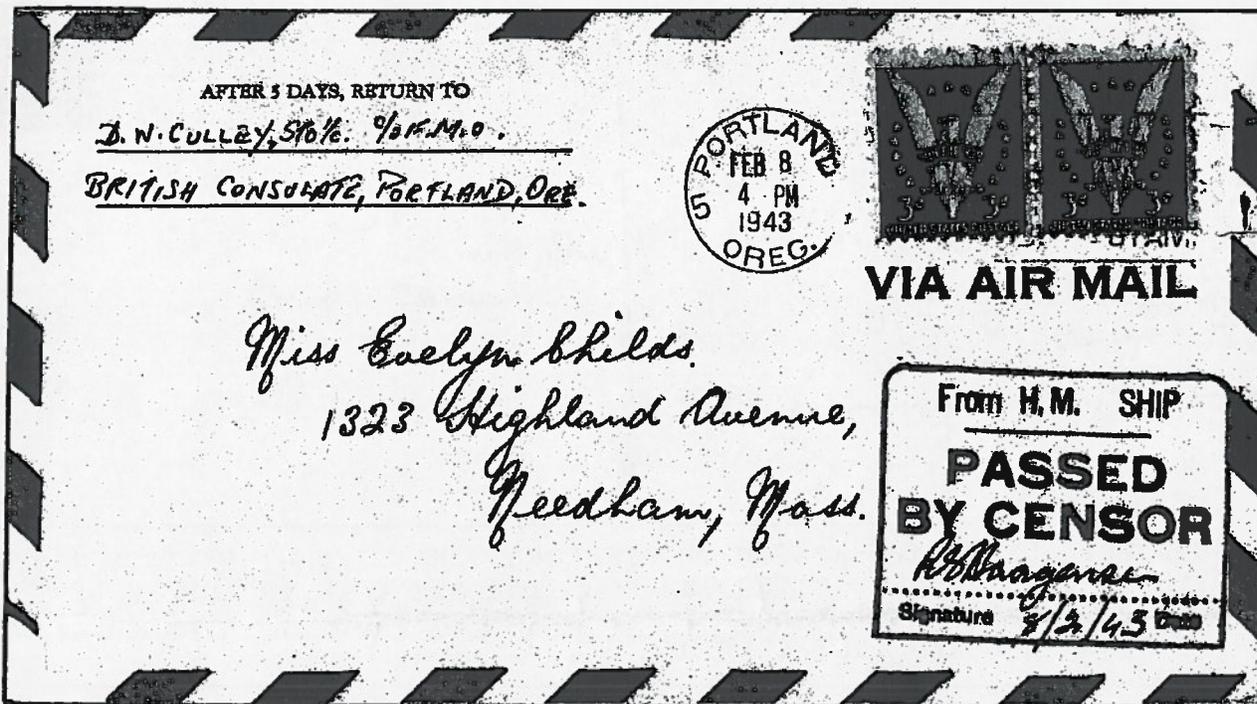
WHITEHOUSE TYPE 3

LATE USE FROM H.M.C.S.
HURON

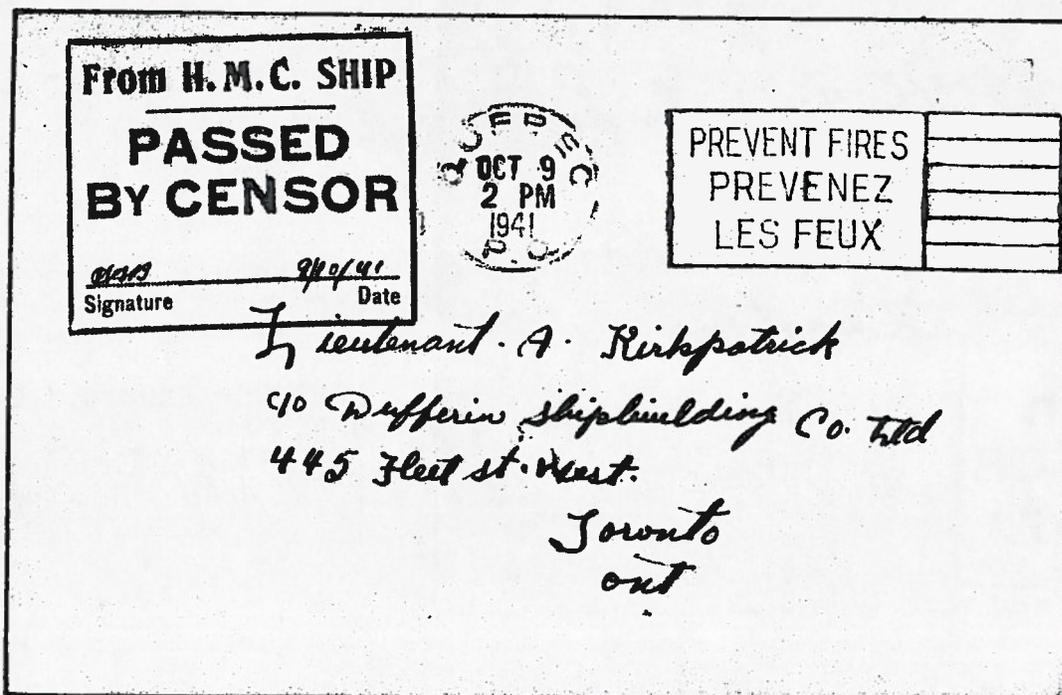
WHITEHOUSE TYPE 3

("C" OF H.M.C. SHIP REMOVED)

F.M.O., BRITISH CONSULATE, PORTLAND, OREGON
MAY BE RELATED TO THE BUILDING OF ESCORT CARRIERS FOR THE R.N.
ON THE WEST COAST BY AMERICAN YARDS



NEW WHITEHOUSE TYPE 4
QUEBEC, P.Q., OCTOBER 9, 1941

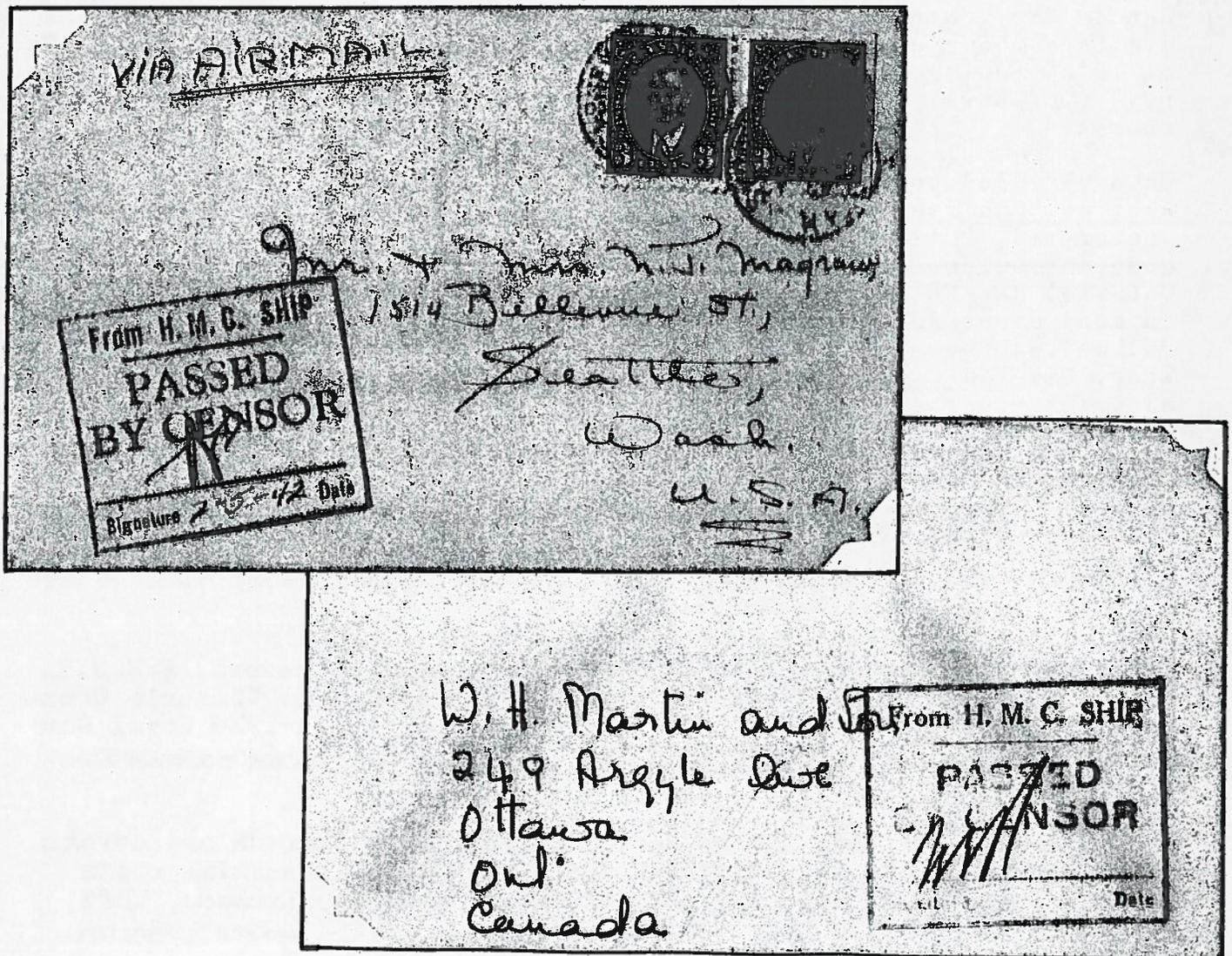


THIS NEW TYPE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE SLOPING LINES IN THE "M" OF H.M.C. SHIP AND THE SMALL "Y" IN BY CENSOR.

A COVER POSTED FROM H.M.C.S. GEORGIAN, A MINE-SWEEPER, WAS COMMISSIONED IN TORONTO ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1941, AND ARRIVED IN HALIFAX ON OCTOBER 13. AFTER COMPLETING WORK-UPS SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SYDNEY FORCE. IN JANUARY SHE JOINED THE NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE AND REMAINED WITH IT UNTIL FEBRUARY 1944 WHEN SHE CROSSED THE ATLANTIC FOR DUTIES CONNECTED WITH THE INVASION OF EUROPE. GEORGIAN WAS PAID OFF AT SYDNEY OCTOBER 23 AND LAID UP AT SHELburnE UNTIL SOLD FOR SCRAP.

WHITEHOUSE TYPE 5

THIS TYPE SEEMS RELATED TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE U.S. LEND-LEASE DESTROYERS IN HALIFAX



WHITEHOUSE TYPE 6

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Our first issue of 2012 brings with it best wishes for the coming year. Several congratulatory messages have come in following the publication of our special #200th anniversary issue and all are most appreciated. The Hon. Secretary, Michael Dobbs of our sister society across "the pond" the Forces Postal History Society, kindly sent his good wishes which were most appreciated. The society continues to issue a very informative and well-illustrated journal (often in colour) and any members interested can view the website: www.forcespostalhistorysociety.org.uk for more information. Thanks too for the other members who have sent in their remarks which were all appreciated.

Thanks to our member Colin Pomfret, who sent in the very interesting and rare items connected with the Canadian Railway Troops in Palestine, we now know that there at least three items (one from Bob Toombs in #200) connected with this rare contingent. Members are encouraged to send in future reports...or any other items which deserve our attention.

Canada Post Corporation, this year, has scheduled some stamps with a military theme and we look forward to seeing them: "Heroes of the War of 1812" (July), and "The Black Watch"/"The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry" (October). More stamps with military connections are always encouraged!

On a very sad note, as this issue was finalized, we have just learned that our Chairman and Treasurer, C. Douglas Sayles, has passed away on January 15, 2012. Doug, as members know, was elected as Chairman at our group's seminar held on September 26, 2003 during BNAPEX 2003 (London, Ontario) due to the passing of W.J. "Bill" Bailey. Doug was a specialist in many areas and at the time of his passing was working on his first volume (in the series) of his update on the previous work by Bailey and Toop. His BNAPS Catalogue of Military Mail Markings have been wonderful additions to the study. Our deepest condolences have been extended to Mary Jane, his family, and friends.

SMALL ADS

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WANTED: Sewell Camp/Camp Hughes postal history on postcards and covers. Pre-WWI militia camps and 1915/16 C.R.F. eras. Eagerly seeking registered mail, incoming mail, and RCU, LCU strikes. Darcy Hickson, RR#2, Box 24, Brandon, MB R7A 5Y2; (204) 725-0621; or email: hicksondj@mts.net (8/10)

THE BNAPS CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL MARKINGS
VOL. II: THE WORLD WAR II ERA, 1936-1945: A REVIEW

The above volume follows C. Douglas Sayles' Volume III (2006) in the ongoing series and concentrates on military postmarks and markings from 1936 through to 1945 and the end of the Second World War. The author decided years ago to compile, edit, and update the previous works by W.J. "Bill" Bailey and E.R. "Ritch" Toop (B&T), so that recent discoveries could be included within a contemporary series.

Volume II follows a similar format as that contained in Volume III and includes a table which cross-references catalogue numbers used in B&T to the "new" BNAPS catalogue numbers (in Appendix 2). Volume II is divided into five chapters (7-11) which deal with Base Post Offices; MPO's in Canada; MPO's in Alaska and Newfoundland; MPO's in the U.K., Europe, Africa, and India; and internment and POW camps in Canada.

The three other appendices are useful additions and deal with Canadians abroad (lacking Canadian postal service); the ten postage meters used by military units (Appendix 3); and a section on the BCATP (Appendix 4).

One of the several major strengths of Volume II is the quality of the illustrations. Many of them have been scanned using today's modern technology and some have been "cleaned up" to ensure the very best possible quality. This will greatly enhance research now and in the future.

Although there have been hundreds of additional markings added in this volume which greatly complement the previous works by B&T, the author admits that not all known markings have been included. Markings known only as proof or favour strikes have not been included. This is unfortunate as their addition would not have been onerous and they are important facets to Canadian military postal history. The proof or favour strikes related to "Z Force" (the FPO Z hammers) are some of the rarest of postal markings associated with the Second World War. Items from "Force C" and some censor markings are also excluded (even though they have been included in B&T).

It is also somewhat unusual that a work of this magnitude did not include a bibliography. While many military postal historians will immediately recognize the frequent usage of "Daynes" as a source for many non-Canadian items (the late John Daynes--a well-known British author of military postal history), some may not. A bibliography would have been a nice addition and helpful for collectors and students to pursue further research.

Despite some of the minor misgivings noted above, Volume II is a tremendous effort and should be on most collectors' bookshelves. Collectors will still require B&T for their comprehensive knowledge of Canadian military postmarks and postal markings, but this volume will update previous editions and greatly add to a contemporary study of military mail.

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IN MEMORIAM: C. DOUGLAS SAYLES, P. ENG.



CMMSG Chairman and Treasurer, Clinton Douglas Sayles, P. Eng. (Nov. 6, 1945-Jan. 15, 2012), sadly passed away after a brief illness in his 67th year. Loving husband of Mary Jane (née Reich) and dear brother of Bernice Rohe (Bill) of Whitby. Doug leaves to mourn his various family members and many friends and past co-workers. He was predeceased by his parents Clinton and Georgina Sayles.

Doug was a retired engineer with Atomic Energy Canada Ltd. His interest in Canadian military mail culminated in his election as the CMMSG's Chairman and Treasurer at the London, Ontario BNAPEX in 2003. Doug compiled and edited the BNAPS Catalogue of Military Mail Markings Volume II: The World War II Era, 1936-1945 (2011), and Volume III: From Victory in 1945 to Afghanistan (2006).

Doug's interest in research and writing on various military mail areas led to his first BNAPS E.R. "Ritch" Toop Award in 2002 for his article "Dieppe: Before and After" within BNA Topics. He also received the Award in 2007 for Volume III noted above. He contributed many articles to Topics as well as to our own Newsletter. Doug was the Editor of BNA Topics from 2006-2008, when illness forced him to relinquish his position. As Editor Doug introduced the popular semi-regular feature "Matters Military" in Topics Whole No. 511 which still continues. At the time of his death Doug was working on his first volume of the catalogue series covering Canadian military postal markings before 1936.

Doug will also be remembered for his beautiful gardens and custom wood projects. He was an avid amateur historian, loved sailing, and was involved in the Canadian Warplane Heritage Bolingbroke restoration project.

A Memorial Service was held on January 19, 2012. Donations in Doug's memory to BNAPS through the Treasurer at jcm.ph@ns.sympatico.ca or St. Joseph's (Hamilton) Healthcare Foundation: Timeless Care Campaign (Research). A book of condolences can be signed at: <http://www.kitchingsteepeandludwig.com/obituaries/sign.aspx?id=387> [.]
