



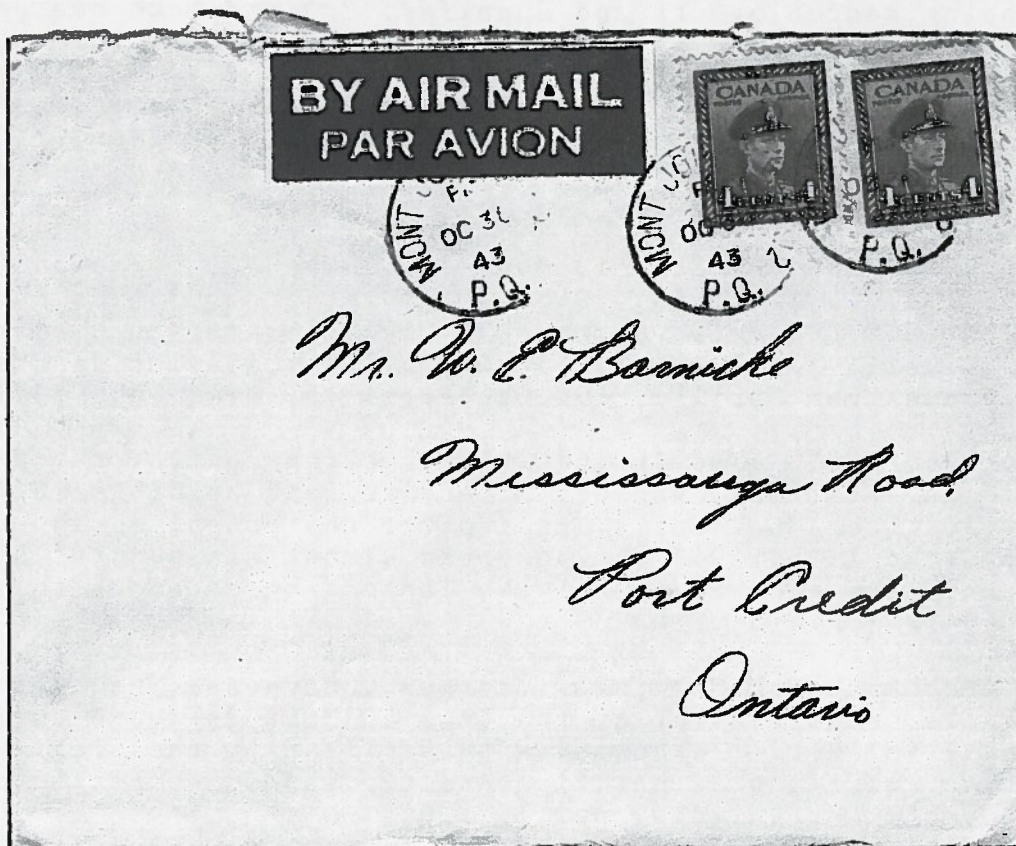
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



J92693/R255154, Pilot Officer (AG) Peter Barnicke, from Oakville, Ontario, was killed-in-action at the age of nineteen on November 9, 1944. He served with #138 Squadron ("For Freedom"). Aircraft

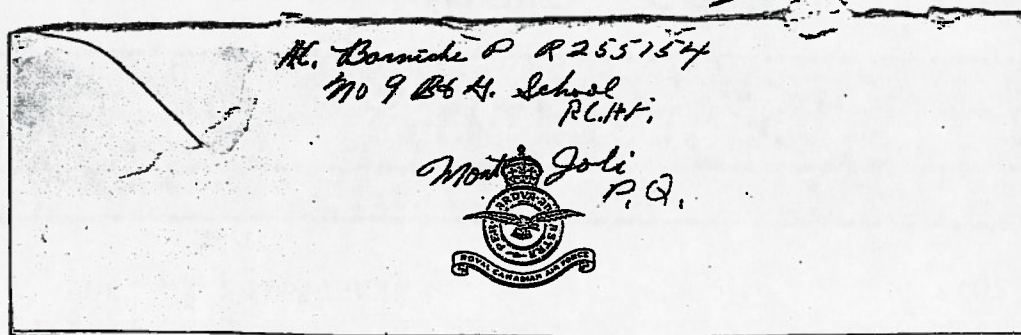
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#LK 198, a four-engine Stirling bomber, failed to return from oper-

(Proof
Strike)
[B&T]

ations dropping secret agents and supplies. P/O Barnicke has no known grave but his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, England.

Also lost were P/O (N) Lloyd William Nelson, F/S R.A. Best, P/O L.A. Ouellette. Three of the crew were non-Canadians who were missing, believed killed [Allison/Hayward, p. 34].

No. 9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont Joli, Quebec, operated from December 15, 1941 to April 14, 1945. [Dunmore, p. 356]. The cover bears the MPO #502 CDS dated October 30, 1943 (hammer in use from April 1, 1943 until April 16, 1945)[B&T, p. 185]. Sayles denotes the hammer usage from April 1, 1943 to April 15, 1945 [p. 93].

The story of No. 9 B&G also includes interesting controversy as well. Senator Jules A. Brillant, who had extensive land holdings in Rimouski (some ten miles from Mont Joli), called for the establishment of the air training school. By 1942 the base had almost six hundred pilot and bombardier trainees and was one of the largest bases among the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Rimouski's archbishop, Monseigneur Georges Courchènes, had voiced opposition to the establishment of the base at Mont Joli due to a personal conflict and rival moral authority with Brillant in the area. Despite his opposition, civilian authorities and the public supported the base and its occupants [Greenfield, pp. 193-194].

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THE REGIMENTS: CANADA POST'S RECENT ISSUES

On October 11, 2012 Canada Post Corporation issued several booklets and a souvenir sheet (illustrated below) featuring The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, The Royal Regiment of Canada, and The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. All of these regiments had early beginnings in 1862 and were formed, in part, to ward against a perceived threat from invasion by the United States as it was engaged in its Civil War. The stamps depict various regimental uniforms throughout their history. One hopes that this will be a series to highlight Canada's regimental heritage.



CALGARY BNAPEX 2012 PALMARES/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations are extended to our new Chairman, Henk Burgers, who was installed at our group's meeting in Calgary on September 1. He submitted the following report:

"The meeting was attended by 17 members, including some new recruits. The housekeeping portion took up some time and the end result was that the members voted to elect Henk Burgers as the new Chairman of our group; replacing the late C. Doug Sayles. He will also function as our membership secretary.

It was decided that Dean Mario would remain as the Newsletter Editor with the additional duty of Treasurer.

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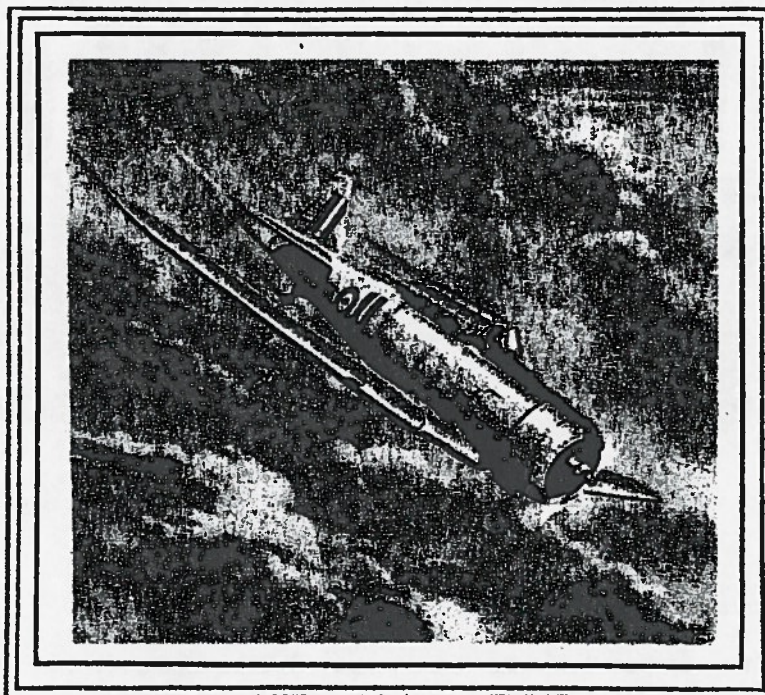
The meeting concluded with a show and tell and a Q&A session which was helpful to a number of our members; both old and new".

Congratulations are extended to the following members who had military-related exhibits (and non-members as indicated):

Hendrik Burgers, Gold/Sam Nickle Award (best military exhibit), "Canadians in World War I: The First Contingent"; **P. Charles Livermore*** Gold, "Thanks for the Smokes and Other Gifts. World War I and II"; **W.E. Topping*** Vermeil, "Japanese Relocation Mail, 1941-1945"; **Ronald E. Majors*** Gold, "Mail Between Canada/BNA and Confederate States During U.S. Civil War"(single frame),*Non-members.

A very warm welcome is extended to new members: **Kristin Jakobson** and **Ken Lemke!**

SEASONS' GREETINGS: RCAF 1942 AND CDN. PARACHUTE TRAINING CENTRE--By Robert Henderson



HARVARD TRAINER

H. H. Booth, R.C.A.F.



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1942*1943

*May Christmas bring you
all good cheer*

*And joy be yours throughout
the year*

Sgt Gordon





With Very Best Wishes
for Christmas

and

the New Year

A 35, Canadian Parachute
Training Centre
Officers' Mess

*Hi there Wm
How are you enjoying A 22?
Colin apply for
P.S. - Why don't you apply for
paratroops we need and that man here
as I am the only 14.0. Shilo Camp
like this place you would
Manitoba*

H.M.C.S. AVALON, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND: POSTAL MARKINGS "COLLECTED",
OCTOBER 1945--By Paul Binney

We have all entered a post office at some point in our lives, passed an envelope or card across the counter, and asked for the postmaster to provide strikes of all their postal markings. These make nice "collection" items that also provide a snapshot in time of the markings avail-

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able (if not always used) in a given post office. The other feature of this type of cover is that the postmaster usually cleans the marking and takes care to provide a "perfect" strike.

In effect, this process was followed by Gustav J. Lund on the following item. Lund was a collector of paquebot mail and the reason for his acquiring a "collectible" from a Canadian Naval Post Office may just reflect a wartime interest in other "maritime mail". As a result of his efforts we have a series of clear impressions of some of the devices extant in the Fleet Mail Office at Avalon on October 15, 1945 after the end of the Second World War. Some of these markings are easily understood, but one marking in particular may shed some light on usage of the GPO triangles. Each marking will be dealt with in turn. The cover is shown full size. All markings are struck in red and, from the condition of the cover, it is most likely that it travelled in a "carrier cover" back to Lund in California.



POSTAL MARKINGS

Avalon F.M.O.

Frith's Type PM5 marking, 29mm ring with coloured slug where time indicia should be located and serif lettering. Marking is shown near the end of its known period of use (August 18/45-October 27/45) [1].

G.P.O. Triangle

Type 5 GPO marking with clear cut in base [2]. The inclusion of this

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marking in an Avalon suite of marks raises some interesting questions. These particular triangles were used at least in the period from September 1944 to March 1945 and were placed on mail originating at Avalon where an extra service such as air mail, registration, or special delivery had been paid for by the sender.

It has always been suggested that the markings were struck at the General Post Office in St. John's upon the transfer of appropriate fees to the civilian post office. This mark appears to demonstrate that in the latter part of the war [or much after war's end.Ed.] at least some of the triangle markings were applied at FMO Avalon and NOT at the General Post Office. This would have entailed an accounting of money collected at Avalon and perhaps a periodic transfer of these funds to the G.P.O.

This marking with a cut in the base from Avalon once again raises the question "why the cut in the base"? Triangle markings are seen both with and without the cuts. Were the markings with cuts used to identify postal employees at Avalon and thus provide a "paper trail" in case any accounting issues arose?

Air Mail

A typical boxed air mail marking not commonly used but seen on some mail from Halifax and other naval post offices.

ORDERLY ROOM AND OTHER OFFICE MARKINGS

H.M.C.S. Avalon

Most likely an office marking used to direct internal mail. This mark appears in the post-war period on philatelic covers usually in conjunction with an Avalon F.M.O. PM7 marking [3].

FMO

Most likely used as a marking for mail bag tags or similar items.

Fleet Mail Office

This marking may have been used during the war on official mail originating at the Fleet Mail Office, but it is more commonly seen in the post-war period struck on philatelic mail.

As always, more information on some of the "office" markings would add to our knowledge of this postal facility. Opinions as to the meaning of the G.P.O. triangle marking are also sought. [Paul raises an interesting point with regards to the "GPO triangles" having been possibly used at Avalon. However, given the date of the cover and the fact that markings may have been simply transferred given a reduction in security measures after the war's end, may not necessarily indicate that the triangles were used at Avalon throughout the war. Members' opinions are solicited.Ed.]

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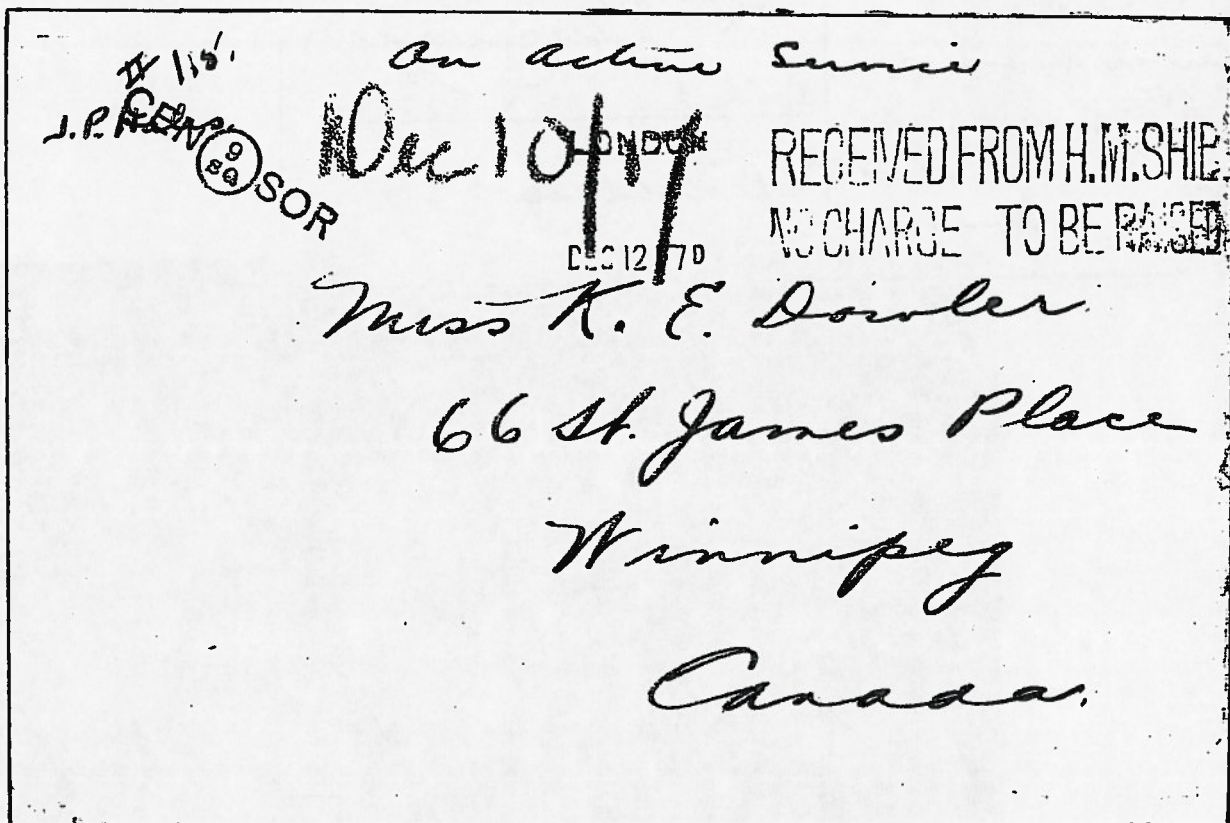
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1917 CEN O SOR 9/SQ DOVER PATROL--By Colin Pomfret

Below is a Dover Patrol censor on a cover from Flt. Lt. John Playford Hales, serving with 9 Naval Squadron, R.N.A.S. The naval squadrons were assigned Dover Patrol censor devices and were required to assist in the protection of the Straits.

On August 23, 1918 John Hales, now Captain, was killed-in-action while serving with 203 Squadron, R.A.F.



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GREETINGS FROM RUSSIA--By Ken Ellison

[Ken sent along a few items which came into the Vernon, BC Archives some time ago, along with a photocopy of an interesting copy of The Pole Star of January 19, 1919. It was published weekly and delivered to all units of the "Syren Force", and was based out of Murmansk.

The first item is a postcard to Vancouver with two different APO and FPO CDS strikes, one of which (P.B.11) is from Soroka, Russia and is especially scarce. The second item is a wonderful card from "The Malamutes" sending Christmas greetings for 1918. Ken knew Sgt. J.C. Craig. Thanks Ken! Ed.]



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THE
PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS
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CANADIAN MOBILE FORCE,
"THE MALAMUTES"
Northern Russia.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
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STATUS: DOUG SAYLES' CANADIAN MILITARY POSTMARK CATALOGUES--From
Mike Street

I am pleased to report partial success with my request for help with Doug Sayles' Canadian Military Postmark Catalogues. Henk Burgers has agreed to take on the task of completing the unfinished Volume 1, and copies of all Doug's computer files have been transferred to him. Henk advises that while he is familiar with material from the First Contingent and the Russian and Siberian campaigns, he will need assistance from collectors knowledgeable in the other areas of WWI military postal history, particularly army units other than First Contingent, Militia, Naval, RCAF/RAF and POW. Please contact Henk at <hbrowsers@cogeco.ca> or by snail mail at the address at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter if you can help. If you have any markings that have not appeared in any catalogue, please contact Henk as well. We want to publish as up-to-date a catalogue as possible.

I was disappointed not to receive any offers of help with keeping track of new findings that could be used to update Volumes 2 and 3 of the catalogue. This would involve obtaining from other collectors scans and images of items not currently in Volumes 2 or 3. It would also entail keeping track, with the help of other collectors, of new items that appear in auctions or on Internet sales sites such as eBay. How this material will be incorporated into new editions will be determined later - the important thing is to gather the information. Ideally, we could use three volunteers for this part of the job - one each for Army, Navy and Air Force markings. If you would like to help with any of the above tasks, please call/write/email me as soon as possible. Thanks very much.

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Dear CMMMSG Members: Seasons' Greetings from your Study Group Officers Henk and Dean! We hope that your upcoming holiday season is the best yet and that 2013 is filled with promise and good military postal history "treasures". Many thanks to those who have sent in their membership dues in advance and another "subtle" membership form will be included for those who may have forgotten. Thank you!

Please note the above information related to Doug's catalogues and any help members can provide to Henk would be appreciated.

We still would like to continue our "Small Ads" (\$1Cdn. per insertion/mint Canadian postage accepted at face) but responses have been disappointing. Buyers/Sellers/Traders are encouraged to use this service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, SEASONS' GREETINGS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NL#205 UPDATE: FLEET MAIL OFFICER, NO. 82, HALIFAX

[Graham Mark, with assistance from Frank Schofield, have commented upon David Collyer's previous article (pp. 1239-1241) related to Fleet Mail Officer, No. 82. No. 82 was H.M.S. Rodney which seems to tie-in with the officer's service. Many thanks for the update! Ed.]
