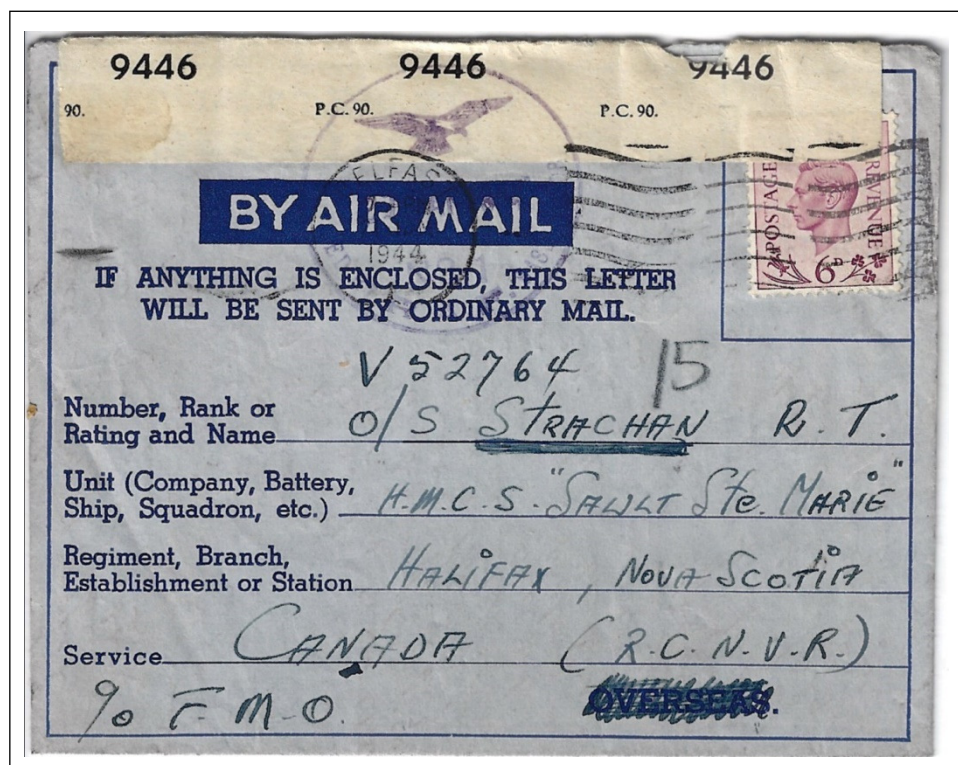


IDENTIFIABLE MAIL TO AND FROM NAVAL PERSONNEL SERVING IN MINESWEEPERS, CORVETTES AND DESTROYERS DURING WORLD WAR II: 1939 - 1945

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the relatively small amount of mail to and from naval personnel that is available from the one hundred and six thousand men and women that served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Of that number, approximately twenty-seven thousand men served in a combination of two hundred and thirty minesweepers, corvettes and destroyers. Security was extremely tight prohibiting declaring where a ship was or its sailing schedule. Mail sent to personnel on a particular ship was directed to the ship's Fleet Mail Office, (F.M.O.) wherever that may have been. All mail was censored and stamped with a censor marking prior to leaving a ship. As of January 1943 The censor marking read FROM H.M.C.SHIP / EXAMINED BY DB/N followed by a number. The number represented the ship.



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