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BRITANNIA BEACH

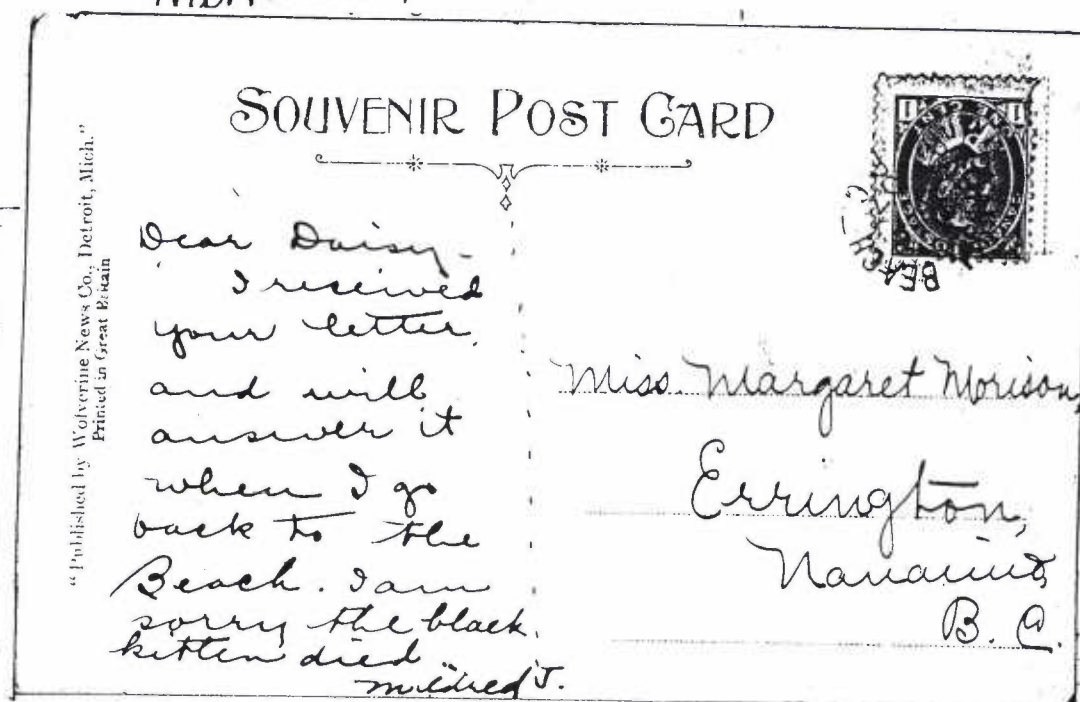
ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1, 1907

Britannia Mines Suggested name "MADIE" – Postal order 221 - 25 November 1905 - Rejected
To "BRITANNIA MINES" – Postal order ? . 28 November 1905
Authorized F20883 – 6 December 1906
Equipment sent – 26 December 1906
Opened as "BRITANNIA BEACH" – 1 January 1907 –
Joseph W. Lee PM
Named after H.M.S. Britannia on coast 1859

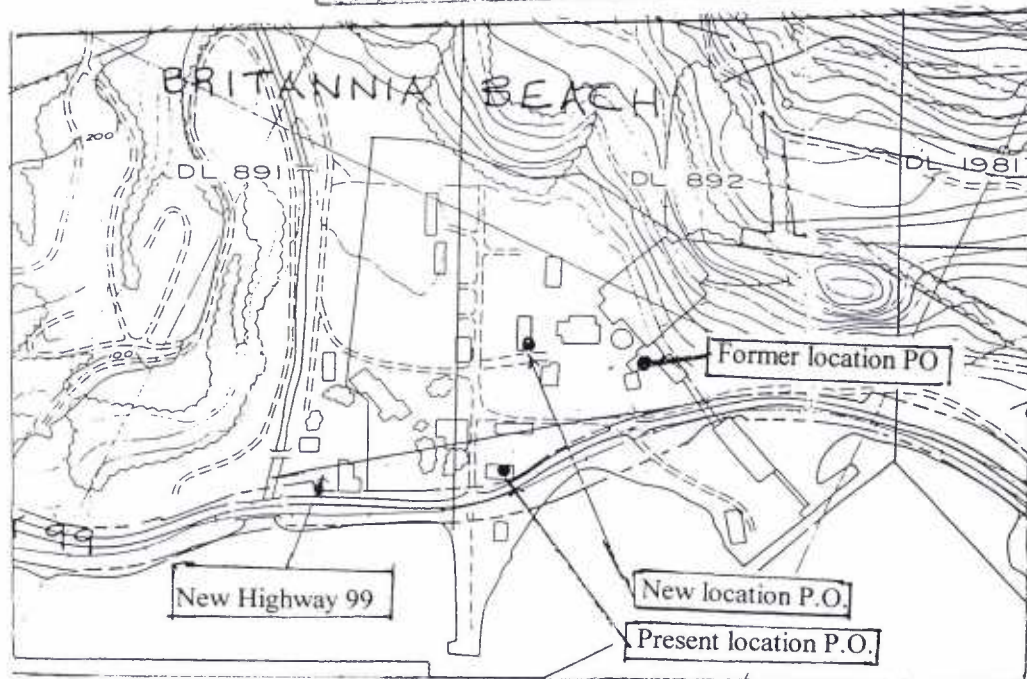
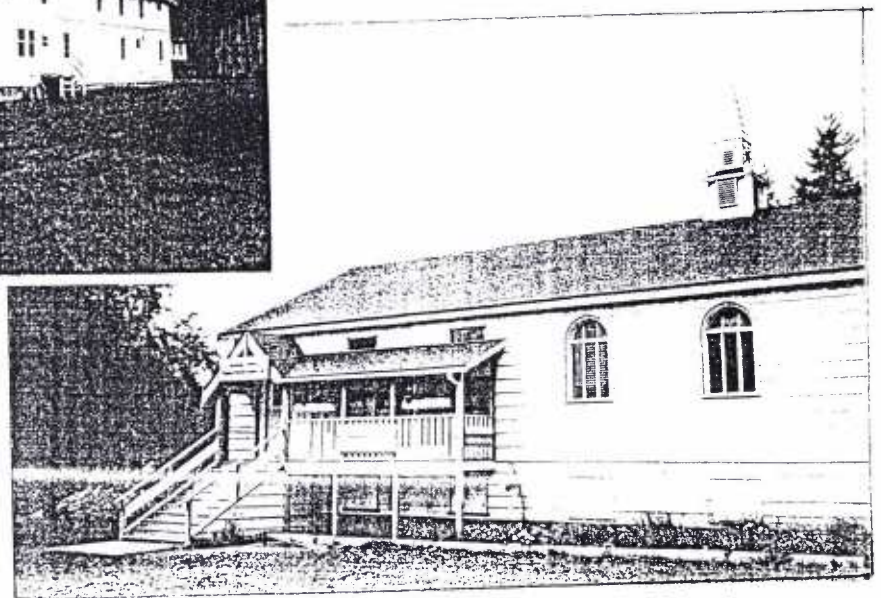
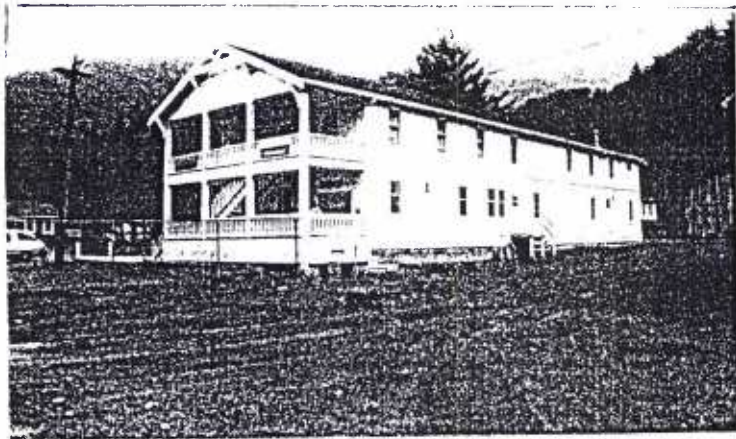
BRITANNIA BEACH / FE / 11 / 07 - Eight bar killer – back NANAIMO / 02 / FE 12 / 07



BRITANNIA BEACH / MR / 5 / 11



Copper was reported in the Britannia Beach area in 1888 by Dr. A.A Forbes, M.D. of Gibson's Landing. In 1899, the first attempt at development was undertaken by Turner and Boscowitz and a year later work was continued by Joseph Adams who organized the Britannia Copper Syndicate. In 1905, the company was taken over by the Britannia Smelting Company, a subsidiary of Howe Sound Company. This American company still owns the property.



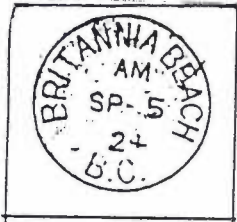
BRITANNIA BEACH

C.D.S. – Circular Date Stamps

Proof strikes

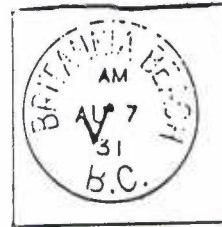
AM / SP 5 / 24

on site



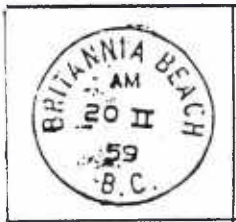
AM / AU 7 / 31

on site



AM / 20 II / 59

on site



early use – AM / 30 V / 59



Britannia Stores Limited
BRITANNIA BEACH / PM / 2 XII / 60 / B.C.

RETURN IN 10 DAYS TO

BRITANNIA Stores Limited
BRITANNIA BEACH, B.C.



Murray- Brantford Limited,
3355 Grandview Highway,
VANCOUVER 12, B.C.

BRITANNIA BEACH

Duplex dater

Proof strikes

PM / AP 26 / 12



PM / JAN 28 / 41



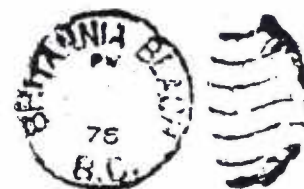
35 / NO 1 / PM



44 / NO 10 / PM



(on site)



Britannia Mining and Smelting Company, Limited
BRITANNIA BEACH / 47 / OC 8 / PM / B.C.

RETURN IN TEN DAYS TO
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BRITANNIA BEACH, B. C.



*The Vancouver Club
Hastings St West
Vancouver
B.C.*

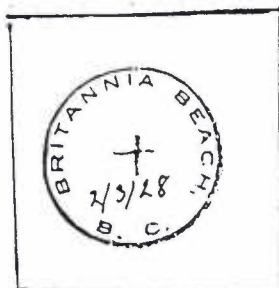
BRITANNIA BEACH

Money Order Rubber Stamp

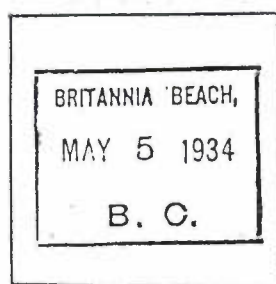
For use on money orders and not on regular mail until the 1990's

Proof strikes

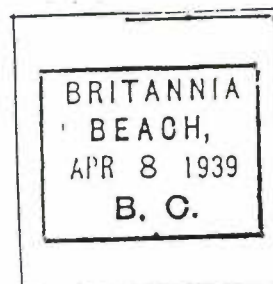
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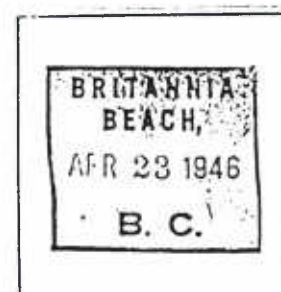
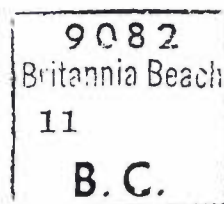
MAY 5 1934



APR 8 1939



APR 23 1946

Daters still on site

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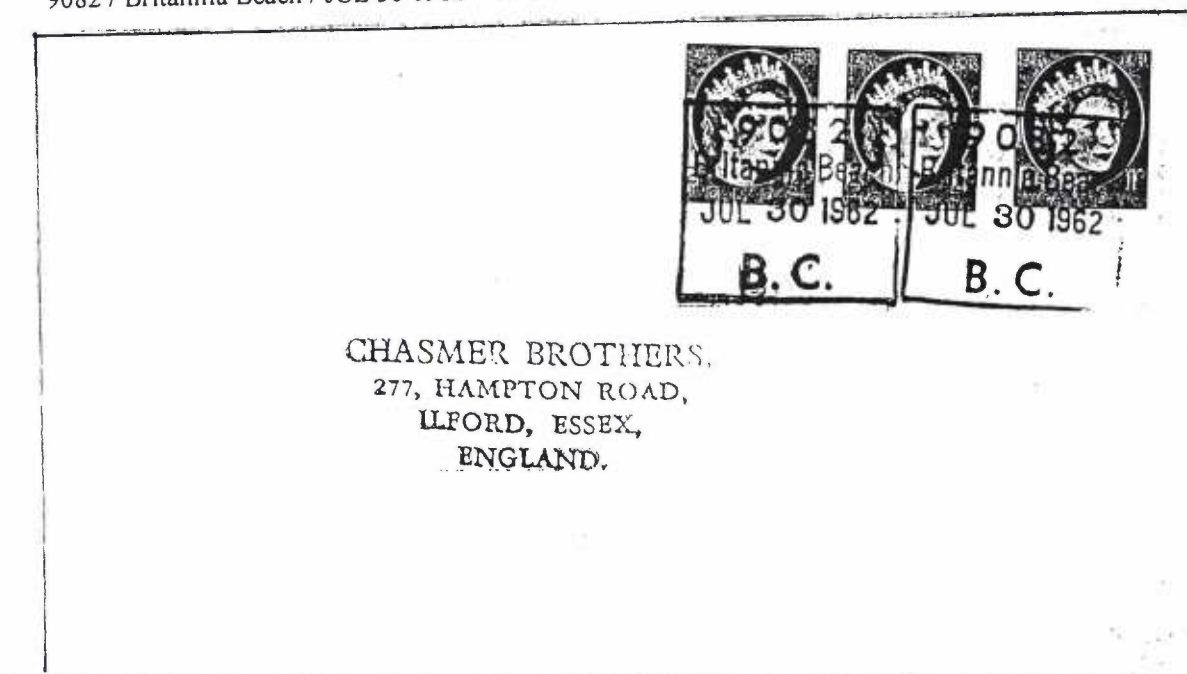
30 III 1981
BRITANNIA BCH
B C



JUL 9 1952



Favour letter to England
9082 / Britannia Beach / JUL 30 1962 / B. C.



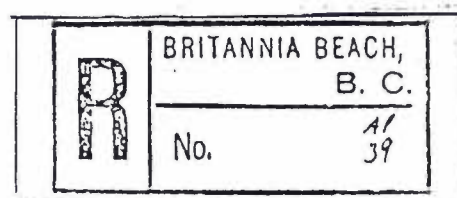
BRITANNIA BEACH

Registered hand stamps

Oval "R"
Registration stamp
Introduced c-1907
Still on site

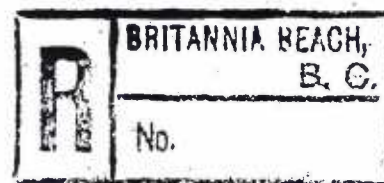
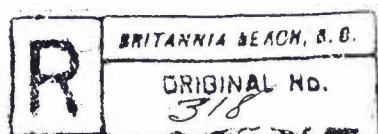


Proof strike AP 1939

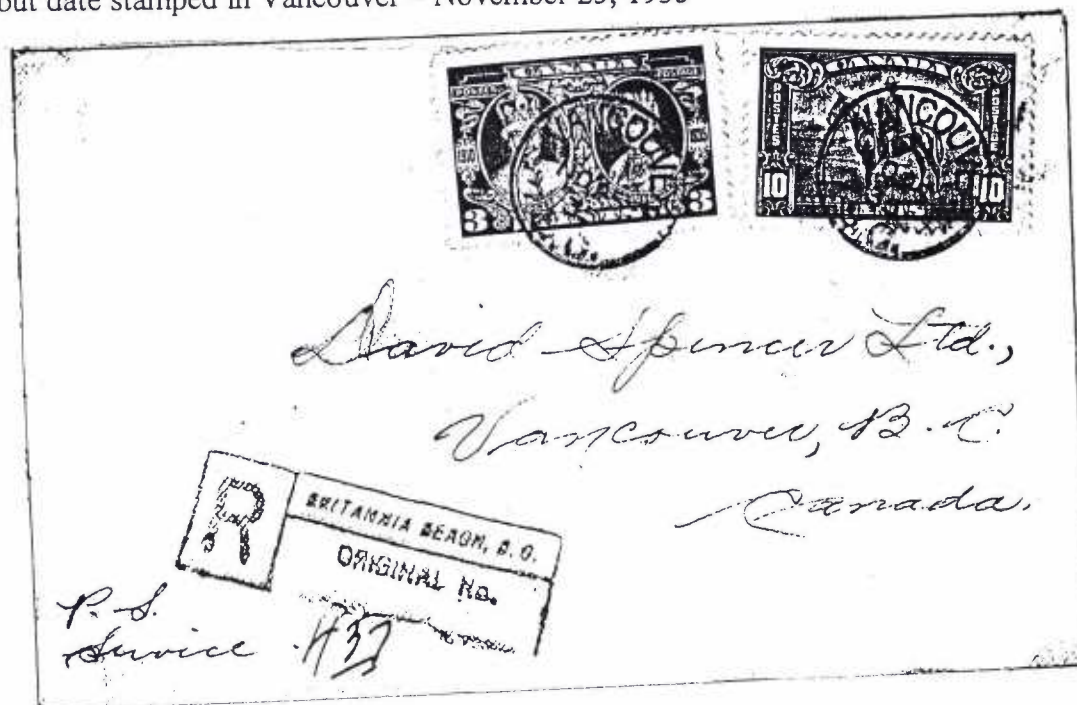


"R" – Original No.
Introduced 1924

Still on site



Registered letter to Vancouver with Britannia Beach registered hand stamp
but date stamped in Vancouver – November 25, 1935



CANADA POST OFFICE

B.C. and Yukon Postal District
Marketing Services



POSTES CANADIENNES

Our File
N/réf.

Your File
V/réf.

349 West Georgia Street
Vancouver 3, B.C.

Dear Postal Customer

On July 1st, 1973, the name of the Eddontenajon, B.C. Post Office is being changed to Iskut, B.C.

When a change occurs in a Postal address, we notify you so that you in turn may advise your correspondents, magazine and newspaper publishers, and firms with which you do business, of the new name. To help you, the Post Office has a Change of Address Announcement Card which can be sent free of postage to any address in Canada. Please pick up enough cards to satisfy your needs and complete them as soon as possible so that your correspondents will become accustomed to and will use the new name at the earliest date.

Just an extra word or two about notifying the newspaper and magazine publishers of the change of name. It will be very helpful to them if you would carefully cut out the address sticker or label of the publication and glue it on to the Change of Address card at the section of the card which reads "Reference, Subscription No. etc." The numbers appearing in their address labels assist the publishers in locating your subscriptions and making the necessary change in their records. Frequently it takes six weeks or more for publishers to effect a change, so you may continue to receive your magazine or newspaper with the old name for some time after you have notified them.

It would be very much appreciated if you would use the Change of Address Announcement cards so that the Postal Service may continue to serve you in the best way possible.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A.F. Reid'.

A.F. Reid
Director

CS1/

EDDONTENAJON TO ISKUT - July 1, 1973

Postes **CANADA** PostTO
A

W. E. Topping

Vancouver 14 B.C.

FROM
DE

Eddontenajon B.C.

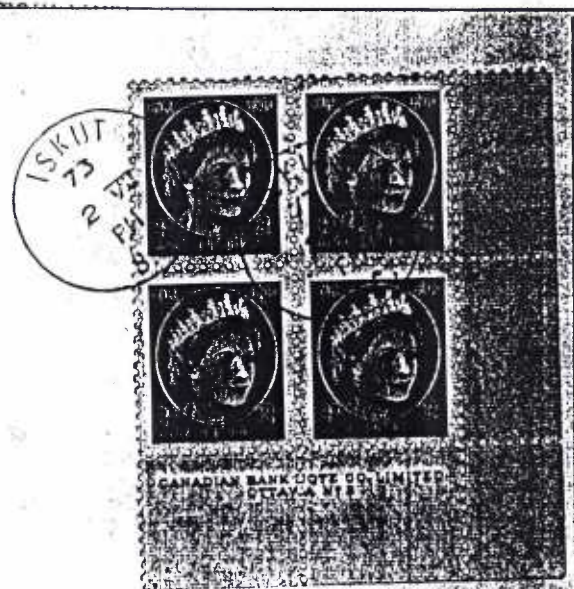
Thanks for your letter of
May 15th

The name is Inchain
& means Bay crossing lake
and getting drained.

We are located on the
new Stewart Cassin Highway
and close to the end of
the Telegraph Creek trail.

Yours truly
Tom D. Bick

11G - Pads of 100 - 19-10-61



In the early 1930 the Post Office Department issued all post offices in Canada with a four digit Accounting or five digit Non-Accounting number. The numbers were used to avoid the confusion for accounting purposes of offices with similar names. By the early 1970's the number of available numbers was exhausted and a new ten-digit Responsibility Centre (RC) number was introduced.

Today post offices are identified by using the first seven digits, although until recently the beginning "0" is omitted on most dates. The remaining three digits are used for in house accounting purposes and are rarely seen on mail. It should be noted that postal stations were often issued with more than one RC number that were for internal use.

Vancouver Sub. 88 – changed April 1, 1973
Moon 9506 became RC No. 644879

POSTES CANADA POST
REGISTRATION RECEIPT - RÉCÉPISSÉ DE RECOMMANDATION

To R. Blackmore, Inverness
A Box 7200, Vancouver 3
up letter Nels - Kam

FEES
DROIT ☐ No. 211
P.M. Initials EC
Initiales du m. de p. EC

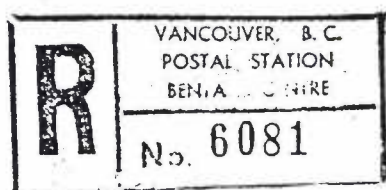
9506
VANCOUVER
SUB. No. 88
19 III 1973
B.C.

Timbre à date

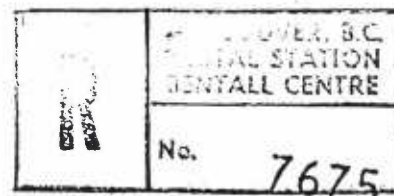
From time to time most philatelic magazines publish articles on the "Postal History" of a local post office and illustrate the article with reproductions of all the reported hammers and daters used at the office. The projects are very impressive and if the authors stick to smaller post office with short periods of operation it is quite easy to produce a complete showing. On the other hand for larger urban offices the project is impossible. A recent discovery of a half dozen "Registration Receipt" booklets from Coast Underwriters Limited provides an opportunity to study the daters used at the Bentall Centre Postal Station in Vancouver over a seven year period. The booklets covered the period from 1980 to 1987 and it appears some booklets are missing.

The Bentall Centre Postal Station is located on the ground floor of the Bentall Building, located at 595 Burrard Street and in today's terminology would be referred to as a "Commercial Service Centre" (CSC). The Bentall Centre PS was established on June 3, 1974 to serve the financial district and is still in operation. During the period of this study the Bentall Centre used at least a dozen different daters, which are illustrated on the next page. Unfortunately since the stampings are in a printed booklet many of the strikes are hard to read.

19 III 1985

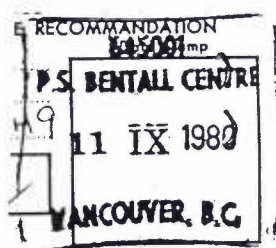


5 II 1987



BENTALL CENTRE DATERS 1980 TO 1987

1980 IX 11
1981 IV 1



1980 XI 14
1987 II 9



1980 XI 21
1987 I 25



1980 XII 15
1986 V II 18



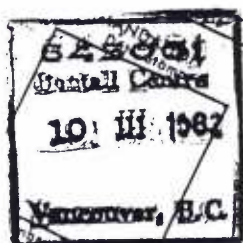
1981 III 11
only



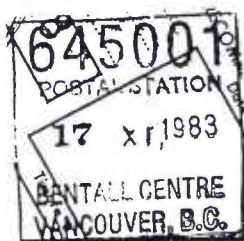
1981 III 18
1985 IV 24



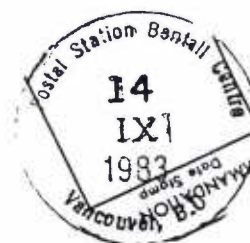
1982 IV 10
1988 XII 28



1983 VII 13
1987 VI 26



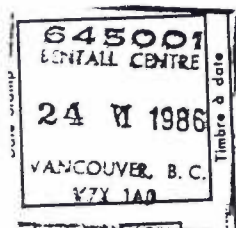
1983 III 29
1987 VI 30



1984 III 29
1985 XI 10



1986 VII 15
1987 VI 21



1987 V 5
1987 X 9



1990 JAN 19
only



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