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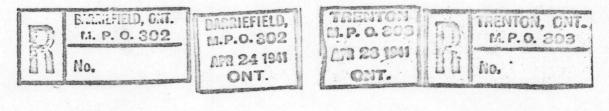
Newsletter #8

J.C. Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C. VIZ 116 December 1974. 14

Dear Member:

By the time you receive this Newsletter Christmas will be close at hand so our sentiments are appended above.

One of our members, with the co-operation of the staff at the Postal Museum, has provided photostatic copies of Proof strikes shown herewith. It is of considerable interest to cancellation collectors to know proof dates and these, shown in pairs, provide such data. Thank you, Ken.

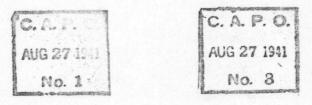


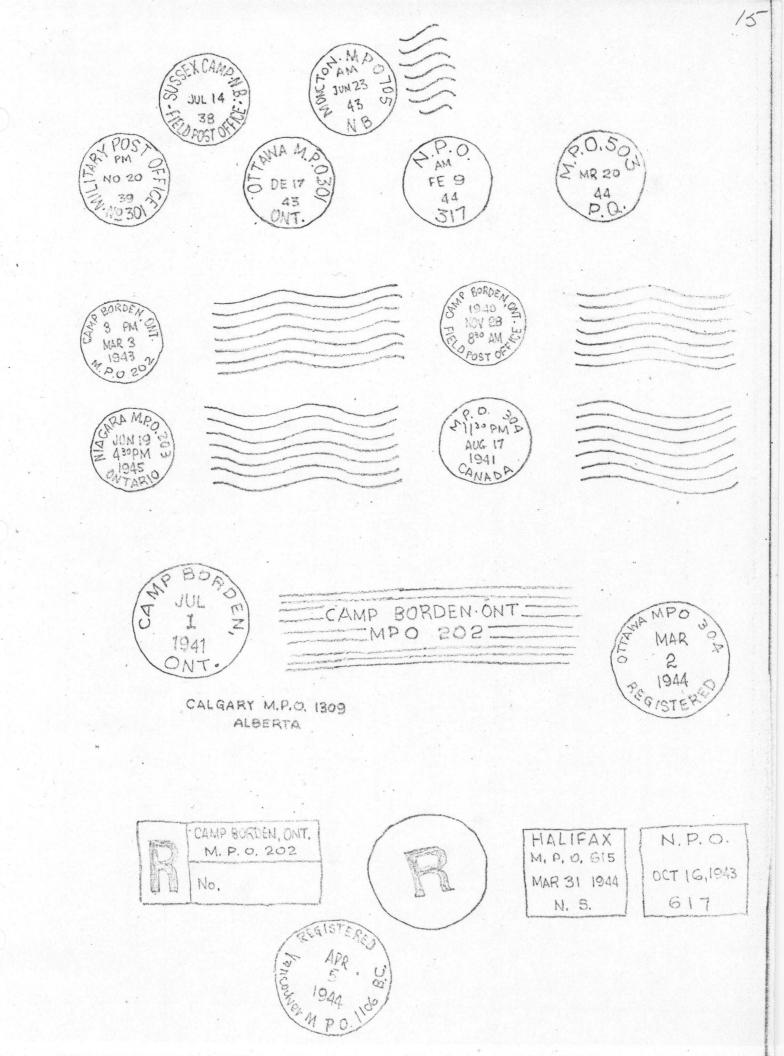
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Another member sends notes taken from the Official History of the Canadian Army in the Second World War, Volume 1, Six Years of War, by C.P. Stacy, (1955), quote: Canadian Army Units were located at Bell Island in Conception Bay, spring 1940, Gander and Botwood, 22 June 1940, and St. John's, Lewisporte and Goose Bay, autumn 1941. Unquote. Thank you Clarence.

As some members are aware there are a number of fine military cancels from Newfoundland and we will "arrive" there in due coarse. At this time, however we have proofs of early rubber parcel stamps from CAPO No 1 and 3 which were St. John's and Botwood respectively. Note that lettering is finer than in later types.





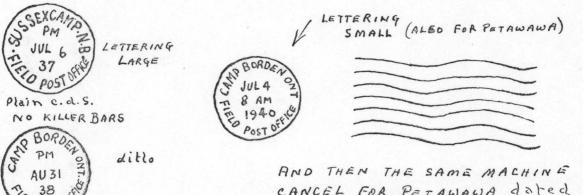
One new member is now in our ranks, Ian C. Morgan, 22 Holton Ave., Westmount, P.Q., H3Y 2E8. We should add that Ian Morgan is a long time student of military cancellations. One member resigned- R.N. Baker of Dryden, New York.

While on the subject of membership we've had three requests for membership from non BNAPS people. Requests have been answered encouraging these people to join BNAPS and subsequently our study group.

Now to tally up the last survey of 19 MPOs and it is apparent that the new format makes a more complete return. It still is not all encompassing as there are so many varieties of cancels. Will add two or three for present and future use.

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Four interesting cancels, of which three were used in Ontario, are the FIELD POST OFFICE types as sketched. Differences are noted and members are asked to report their holdings, and additions if any, please.



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CANCEL FOR PETAWAWA dated Nov 7, 1940. ALSO ANOTHER dated Oct 7, 1940 AS A RECEIVER'S STRIKE! 16

In Newsletter #6 we quoted from the book, Forty Years in Canada. Another passage is taken from that book - page 141, quote:

The postal communication of the southern half of the North West Territories in 1879-80 had not changed from what it had been some years previously. There were no post offices between the Rocky Mountains and the western boundaryof Manitoba, a distance of at least 750 miles. Everyone posted his letters in the orderly-room of the Mounted Police at Calgary, Fort MacLeod, Fort Walsh and Wood Mountain. United States postage stamps were used, the nearest post offices being in the United States. The orderly-room clerks made up and sorted the mails, which were carried to their destination by contract with the Mounted Police. Fort Walsh, Fort MacLeod and Calgary had weekly mails to the south. From Wood Mountain to Fort Walsh and thence to Fort Mac-Leod they were once a fortnight, and from Battleford, 300 miles, once every three weeks, and with few exceptions, had only official mails for the force. In the north mails were sent out by contract with the Post Office Department and picked up at the Hudson's Bay and Mounted Police posts en route. Unquote.

And to continue our Ontario survey made up of cancels from the World War Two period. Please note by checkmark which of these are in your collection.

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