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Newsletter #9

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Dear Member:

It is indeed gratifying to know as we put this Newsletter together that members have contributed much of its content thus proving the theory behind group study.

1....Date slug error

One such item which must be unique concerns a cancel from Penhold, Alberta which reads--- MPO 1307 PENHOLD AM DE 17 Wd
Bill Robinson theorizes that clerk removed year slug after his noon lunch instead of AM and replaced it with PM (inverted). Stamp is Scott's 257. Has anyone another of these and can the year of usage be determined from a backstamp? Bill has sent much other finely detailed information which will aid the Group in the future.

2....Advertising in Newsletters--A suggestion

Our costs vary somewhat with each mailing depending on the number of pages, etc. In order to cover cost of mailing, even partially, a brief ad for \$1.00 could serve a double purpose. Here are 3 examples and \$3.00 has been sent to Ken.

WANTED..Historical data on 108th Battalion stationed at Camp Hughes, Man. in 1916. Member #2 enquires.

Military Cancels..Want Lists exchanged. Write Member #28

Orderly Room Markings..Want Lists exchanged. Write Member #3

Only four such ads could be accepted for each Newsletter and details should be sent to our Secretary/Treasurer, of course. See page 3 and cast your vote!

3....New Members

We are very pleased to greet two long time military cancels collectors to our ranks. They are:

Member #28 W.G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier Street, Vancouver,
B.C. V6M 3A7

Member #29 R. Kitchen, 1387 Pearl Street,
(~~WILKINSON~~) Ottawa, Ont. K1T 1G6

and a change of postal address: Member #24. Now PO Box 541, Station B, Montreal, P.Q. H3B 3K3.

4....Postal Corps-Boer War

Wayne Curtis sends this historic item which he found in "The Canadian Contingents" by W. Sanford Evans, 1901, pages 129 and 130.

quote: "On the Laurentian, which reached Cape Town on February 17th, went D and E Batteries, a small detachment of the 2nd Battalion of the Mounted Rifles, and fourteen attached officers, nurses and men. Among those attached was a postal corps of five men. At the time the first contingent was being organised the Canadian Post Office Department had offered to the Imperial Government a postal corps for the special work of handling the mail for the Canadians in the field; but the offer was not accepted until just before the second contingent was sent. Canada's example in this respect was followed in Australia and India. After the corps had been two months in South Africa Major

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Treble, commanding Army Post Office Corps, wrote to Hon. Mr. Mulock, Cdn. Postmaster General, that, "the Canadian Staff, under the supervision of Captain Ecclestone, had proved very efficient, and besides relieving me of all work in connection with the Canadian troops, has rendered valuable assistance in the work generally". Unquote.

5....Little Norway

With reference to Topics-June-July 1974 page 124 we have reports of 12 cancels from Toronto-Little Norway and 4 from Little Norway.

6....Receiver's Marking-Siberian Expeditionary Force

An East Coast BNAFser gives us permission to tell members that he has just found a second example of the marking traced below-

SEE
PAGE 1

see reference in Lowe's, Vol 5
page 315, para CS-5. Tracing is
about full size. The usage of this
marking took place 56 years ago this
month. A remarkable find.

7....U.S. Army-APOs in Canada

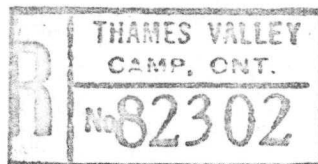
Not all members subscribe to the Canadian Philatelist (interesting article on current deployment of MPO 310 in current issue to whet your appetite) so we refer to the Jan-Feb 1968 issue and therein to The Hollow Tree by Ed. Richardson and his Packet #921. Should readers have answers to Ed's questions we would pass them on either by letter or via the Newsletter.

APO	APO	APO
440..Longe Pt.De	692..Frobisher Bay, NWT.	724..Dawson Creek, B.C.
Mingnan..Que.	701..Fort St. John, B.C.	728..Port Edward, B.C.
462..Edmonton, Alta.	702..and 702 BR, White-	737..Churchill, Man.
473..Camp Canol, NWT.	horse, YT.	918..Muskwa, Alta. (?)
475..Watson Lake, YT.	702-1..Whitehorse, YT.	931..Kluane Lake, YT.
476..Muskwa, B.C. (?)	722..Edmonton, Alta.	996..Watson Lake Junction
677..Goose Bay, Lab.	722-F..Edmonton Station	997..Prince Rupert, B.C.
691..Fort Chimo, Que.	Hospital	999..Fort Smith, NWT.

Ed says, quote "I can't understand the two Muskwas, one in Alta., the other in BC, but thats what my notes state. One or the other must be an error! Can someone help me out, and can anyone make any additions to the list?" Unquote.

8....Tracing-Thames Valley Camp

John Wilsdon reminded us of a real toughie from the early war years so tracings from proofs are hereby illustrated. The c.d.s. bears a proof date and the R marking is probably from the same sheet.



9....The Nile Expedition-1884-85

While we have this information readily available members wishing to read-up on Canada's contribution to this expedition are referred to The Canadian Historical Review, Vol. 33 (1952). A probable library reference number is NW/906/C212/v33. Starts at page 319. A few covers addressed to Canada are known.



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St. Bruno Camp Militaire (above)	
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402 St. Bruno	
NPO 403 St. H'the	
MPO 404 St. Hub't	
405 Lachine	
406 Montreal	
NPO 407 Montreal	
409 do	
MPO 501 Valc'tier	
502 Mont Joli	
503 Bagotville	
NPO 504 Gaspé	
MPO 505 3 Rivers	
506 Ancienne Lorette	

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310 Trenton	11		1						1
311 Belleville	7								1
312 Barriefield	10		2		1				1
313 Picton	8								1
314 Kingston	8								
315 Brockville	7								1
316 Rockcliffe	9		1						1
NPO 317 Ottawa	5	4	3				1	1	
MPO 318 Ottawa	3							1	
319 Deseronto	7								1
320 Arnprior	1								

We made it with room to spare!

Regards,
Colin, Ken + Ed.

