

CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

Newsletter #15

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Dear Member:

Your response to the Survey, Item 55, came back loud and clear with lots of added material which we will do our best to include in this letter. Fourteen members signified their willingness to contribute to a re-run of the Surveys so we will work on this in a few days for your further action. Ken advises that the R.P.O. Study Group are doing the same thing in order to update their rarity factors.

Membership dues came back in much the same ratio so our group has reduced considerably in numbers. This is too bad as there is so much to be shared and accomplished in military mail knowledge and records. We are sure however that the work already done by the pioneers since 1940 and that being done has and will provide a good background for future collectors.

Ken advises that this Newsletter will be sent to all members, past and present, but the Re-run and future Newsletters will go only to those who have signed on for another hitch.

55...Survey Result - reference item 55

A.P. C. O.	PLAIN 1 1A 1B 1C	DUPLEX 2 2A 2B 2C	MACHINE 3 3A 3B 3C	REGISTERED 4 4A 4B 4C 4D 4E 4F 4G	ROLLER 5 5A 5B	Money O & R sta 6 6A 6B
#1	13					1
#2	13					1 1
#3	10			1		
#4	14				2	2
#5	14			1		
#10	13	1 1		2	1	1
51	7			1		
G.P.C. 1	6					
2	2					
3	1					
6	2					
AVALON EMO 1	1			1		1
AVALON EMO 2	1			1		1

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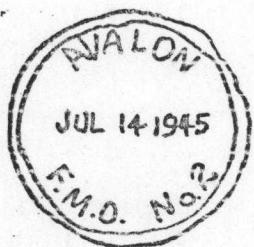
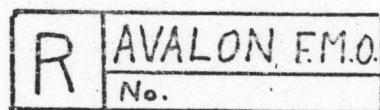
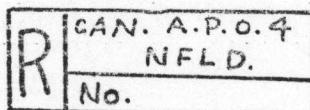
We are slightly apprehensive about some of these reports but will ask for more details individually.

57...Additional postmarks reported- not included in item 55

These are tracings or hand sketches and are not accurate as to size. Hope more examples can be found and reported.



one example reported

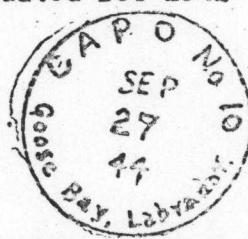


also from 1966 article
one only reported

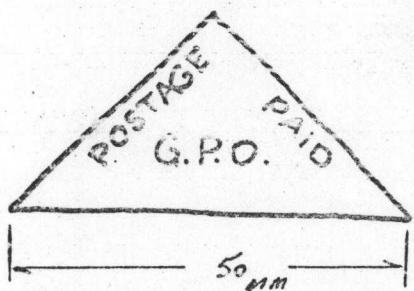


also from 1966 article
four reports in 2 diff.
diameters, 27mm & 31mm.
Some dated after the War
but included here for
convenience

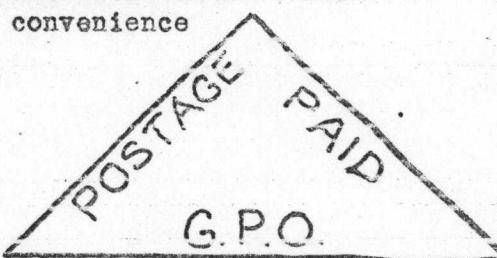
notice this one is blank, not
FMO 1 or 2. It is shown in
CP article by Lt. Col. Webb,
1966. Two reports, one on
cover dated Dec 1942



Ron Kitchen reports one example



also from 1966 article
Three reports in blue



also from 1966 article
One report in purple



rough sketch. Note NO 5 (not
No 5) One report by Joe P.

58...Further to Item 38

See illustrations sent by Ron Kitchen of Debert machine and Dartmouth duplex.
Have strengthened with pen to show up in photocopy.

59...Revised Identifier Chart

A slightly simplified chart is attached and supersedes the original immediately.
Note that the term MO & R (type 5) is altered to read. MOTO(Money Order Town
Office). Other headings were renumbered and illustrations of MOTO, MOON and
POCON (the numbered portion) are included.

The military design of MOTOs and MOONs is a little different than the civilian

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59...continued

by the addition of MPO numbers or by using simply, MPO numbers in their MOTOS. More varieties are the result but we hope the attached chart clears up the situation. One writer suggests, quote, "THAT MOTOS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE 1920s OR THE EARLY 30s". unquote. The MOTO was primarily for dating Money Orders but was used legally for cancelling other postal items. Use on first class mail was not an approved practice.

60...Royal Canadian Navy Markings

We are indebted to R.V. Furneaux in his article to a W.C.C. Bulletin dated December 1965 for the following, quote, "Mail received from and posted on ships away from their home ports received a circular rubber date marking 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. It reads "ROYAL CANADIAN" at the top, current date in the centre and "NAVY MAIL 67" (or other number depending on the ship) at the bottom. Each ship is assigned a number for this purpose. See partial list below. unquote. We have one only example and include tracing for your reference. It is a free strike not cancelling the stamp.



HMCS	HMCS
Buckingham	48
Columbia	50
Fraser	59
Inch Arran	44
New Waterford	6
Outremont	20
	Swansea 1
	Yukon 67
	Jonquiere 21
	New Glasgow 25
	Mackenzie 19
	SKEENA 65

61...Survey - Military Post Offices in Canada

We are indebted to Bill Robinson (#28) for reviewing and preparing this item and providing the answer sheet. Please note the variation in the headings which conform to the revised chart. The RCAF Stations, Military Camps and Naval FMOs will follow in subsequent Newsletters. See attachments.

62...CEPO POCON proofs - active and inactive

Joe Purcell sends along a photocopy of proofs as described for your files. Have not included all. There are 42 for sure with another 9 possible. It appears these would be our type 8A; MPO number and POCON. Thank you, Joe.

63...Questions - We've got questions:

Something to think about during the few long winter evenings which are left in the 1975-76 season, thank goodness!

Have you seen postalmarkings from these locations:

Otter Park, B.C.
Griesbach, Alta.
Rivers, Man (tri-service)
Camp Gagetown Project, N.B.
RCPC Det. No.2 N.B.
HMC Dockyard, Halifax

CPC #1 - Gagetown
RCAF Calgary, Alta.
RCAF London, Ont.
RCAF Uplands, Ont.
RCAF Moncton, N.B.
1 CPBO - Montreal

All the best.

Rivers Camp, MAN 52

Ken, Colin + Ed.

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MILITARY POSTMARK
TYPE FILER CARD

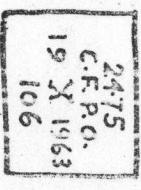
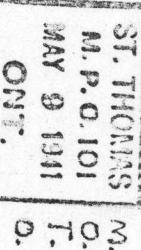
TYPE		DESCRIPTION		
1	PLAIN	x		
1A	"	x		
1B	"	x		
1C	"	x		
2	DUPLEX	x		
2A	"	x		
2B	"	x		
2C	"	x		
3	MACHINE	x		
3A	"	x		
3B	"	x		
3C	"	x		
4	REG'D	x		
4A	"	x		
4B	"	x		
4C	"	x		
4D	"	x		
4E	"	x		
4F	"	x		
4G	"	x		

Name only - no MFO number
Name and MFO number at 6 o'clock
MFO number at 12 o'clock
blank
oblong
round (BFO-R-other)
MFO number only - no name

TYPE		DESCRIPTION		
5	ROLLER	x		
5A	"	x		
5B	"	x		
6	MOTOR	x		
6A	"	x		
6B	"	x		
7	MOON	x		
7A	"	x		
8	POCON	x		
8A	"	x		
9	LETTER	x		
9A	"	x		
9B	"	x		

Name only - no MFO number
Name and MFO number only
MFO number for POCON indoor
Name & MOON & POCON
Name or MFO & MOON number
MFO and MOON number

Post Office
Computer Office
Kuller
Circular dater
with value block



June 20 1975

1st 367 20 Feb 1976

TYPE 1

TYPE 1A

TYPE 1B

TYPE 1C



NOTE
JUMPS
AVOID
IN SEQUENCE

SURVEY - Post World War II Military Post Offices in Canada -

	PLAIN				REGISTERED				ROLLER			MOON	MOTO	POCON	METER				
	1	1A	1B	1C	4	4A	4B	4C	5	5A	5B	7	6	6A	6B	8	9	9A	9B
MPO 100 St. John N.B.																			
✓ MPO 101 Fredericton N.B.				✓															
MPO 102 Oromocto N.B.																			
MPO 140 Curtis Park N.B.																			
✓ MPO 200 Valcartier P.Q.					✓														
MPO 200 Sydney N.S.																			
✓ MPO 201 Lachine F.Q.					✓														
MPO 202 Camp Borden Ont.																			
✓ MPO 300 North Bay Ont					✓														
✓ MPO 301 Rockcliffe, Ont.					✓														
✓ MPO 302 Petawawa, Ont.					✓														
MTO 310 Belleville Ont.																			
✓ MPO 333 Ottawa Ont.					✓														
✓ MPO 400 Winnipeg Man.					✓														
✓ MPO 500 Wainwright Alta.					✓														
MPO 501 Whitehorse Yukon																			
✓ MPO 502 Claresholm Alta.					✓														
✓ MPO 503 Grand Centre Alta.					✓														
MPO 511 Wainwright Alta.																			
MPO 1001 Shilo Man.																			

oval - postal training section
MPO 333 Adam, 1/8

990035 990043 990051

CFPO 5003 CFPO 5004 CFPO 5005
990078 990086 990094

CFPO 5045 CFPO 5046 CFPO 5047
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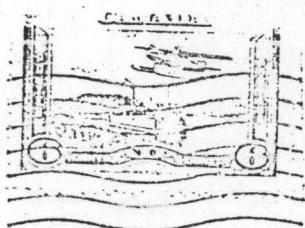
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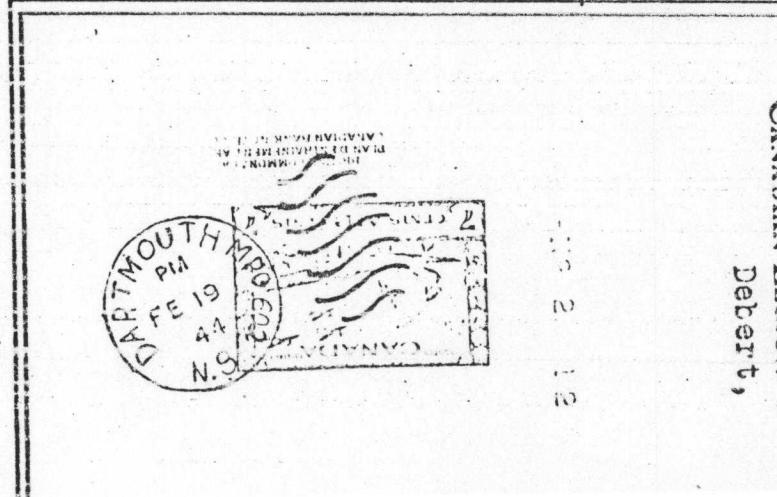
CFPO 42 CFPO 43 CFPO 44

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



MEMBERSHIP
DUES
PAID | NOT PAID

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