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January 21, 1980

Dear Member

272...Royal Philatelic Society of Canada - Annual Convention

The Calgary Philatelic Society will host the 52nd annual meeting of the RPSC in Calgary, May 29-30-31 1980. The Canadian Military Mail Study Group has accepted an invitation to hold a seminar. More on this later. Come and renew old acquintances.

273... Change of address - R. Thurlow Fraser

Write to Thurlow in future at 302 - 1360 Martin Street, White Rock, B.C. V4B 3W5.

274... Call for dues

Ken Ellison, Treasurer, advises that funds are needed now to carry on with the production of the Newsletter. A few of us have been able to discuss the amount in view of rising costs and agree that \$5.00 is necessary from each member of the Study Group. Those residing in the U.S.A. may send \$4.25 U.S. but please use money orders as cheque charges diminish the cash amount. Those members who have paid in advance will be advised of their membership position.

Your co-operation will be appreciated and cheques or money orders (Canada) and money orders (U.S.A.) may be sent to Ken, or, if answering a survey, to Colin.





275...H.M.C.S. Discovery - first sighting - N.P.O. 1120

Used as a receiver's mark on a postcard from Ireland a rare cancel from Discovery. Have strengthened the photocopy but the date is quite clearly PM OC 19 45. Fill Robinson is the fortunate reporter.



276...Survey returns requested

Newsletter 34, item 255 brought us a large grouping of overseas postal cancels struck by cancellors made in Canada. By this time members will have had the chance to sort out and record their holdings and now are requested to pool this information for the benefit of the membership. We already have returns at hand from 3 readers.

One more numbered hammer may be added to the list, SC2(5), as an example is on record. Write this one in on page 5 of the Newsletter.

Would readers who have a substantial return to make do so on the pages already provided or photocopies of these completed pages. Identify your submission and it will be returned at a later date. Up to 6 items may be reported in the form of a note rather than using the printed pages, 4 and 5. Please remember, if sending a note, to refer to the hammers as, e.g. FPO SC1(2).

Mail your return to Colin Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, etc. The results of the surveys can tell us three things:

- 1 which hammers of those proofed actually were used
- 2 the relative scarcity of each
- 3 hammers we may have missed in the listing

From the 3 returns already in we note nil strikes of SC8, SC9 or SC10 hammers, also very few strikes from the series of hammers SC751 thru SC770.

277... Vernon, A. G. Canada: Gensor marking - World War One August 25

This most unusual item certainly adds colour to our hobby in general and to Dr. Brian Plain's collection in particular.

It appears to be a facing slip. The censor marking has been struck in red and initialled.

The oval receiver's probably is West Branch, Victoria, B.C.

Note the sequence of dates.

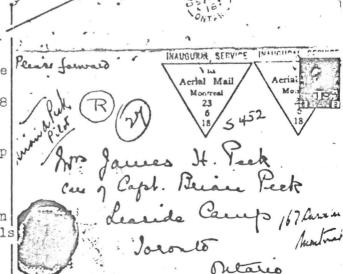
This triangular marking was first listed back in NL20, item 98.

278...CAMP LEASIDE ONTARIO - a rare postmark

In May 1968 this cover was illustrated in a Junior Red Cross magazine for an article titled, "A Very Famous Flight".

The flight was planned for June 23, 1918 but heavy rain forced postponement until the following day. A Toronto receiver's strike dated June 24 may be seen as well as two Camp Leaside markings dated the next day. Note that part of the date is inverted.

Captain Prian Peck's exploit along with his passenger, Corporal C.W. Mathers has been well and truly recorded in philatelic journals on a number of occasions.



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In addition to brief details in NL 19, item 87 on the Leaside cancel it has recently been learned that May 30, 1917 was the official proofing date. In addition to the June 25 date shown here another cancel dated November 2, 1917 is known.

Should any Study Group member have an illustration of a Camp Leaside cancel, other than the one shown here, would be please send it along for illustration in a future Newsletter.

279...Canadian Military Mail - a post card of 1893

Once again the proverbial shoebox comes through with an interesting link to Canada's earlier military activity. The type of card illustrated was first issued in December, 1891.



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Alexandria, Ontario is shown in the Canada Official Postal Guide of 1893 as being in the Township or Parish of Lochiel in the electoral district of Glengarry with Duncan A. Macdonald as Postmaster.

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The British North America Act of 1867 placed the command of all naval and military forces of and in Canada upon the Dominion Parliament. A Department of Militia and Defence was established and the first Militia Act passed in 1868. A Militia General Order in July of that year authorized the raising of the 59th Stormont and Glengarry Battalion of Infantry, part of that title being visible on the subject card.

Through the kind co-operation of the present Commanding Officer of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Shearing, the following was learned. The addressee, Major R.R. McLennan, commanded the Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from 1897 to 1900.

The writer of the card, J.A. Macdonnell, commanded the 3rd Company with the rank of Captain.

Lieutenant Colonel Bredin, also mentioned on the reverse of the card, was the Battalion's second Commanding Officer from 1885 to 1897.

Last to be mentioned was Lieutenant Colonel Van Stranbenzee, Deputy Adjutant General, Militia Districts 3 and 4 with headquarters in Kingston.

The 59th comprised 7 Companies with number 3 located in Alexandria.

A reminder to check those older cards and covers closely as Canadian military mail before the turn of the century is not at all common.

280...CAPOs/CFPOs -Nov 1951 - Mar 1976 - SURVEY - Part 2

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An interesting article appeared in TOPICS for April 1965 titled "R.C.P.C. LEAVE THE CONGO". The POSTMARK originally contained the article.

Our item 280 is based on information supplied by NDHQ (D POST) 29 Jan 1976 under the title, "LOCATIONS".

IMPORTANT: Reference item 270. The information on REDESIGNATION of CAPOs to CFPOs is misleading in the reference used and as printed on page 5 of NL35 as a footnote. There were in fact no 2 and 3 digit CAPOs, only CFPOs. Therefore the offices 25 to 113 were all CFPOs, never CAPOs.

Please delete "CAPO" title in heading on pages 5 and 6, and the footnote which reads, * designation CAPO changed...etc. Thanks.

281...A new recruit

A welcome to our newest member, 3822 John E. Frith, P.O. Box 286, Copper Cliff, Ontario POM 1NO.

John would like to exchange want lists with Group members.

282...Auction Sale - January 26, 1980

The sale is billed as "The outstanding lot of Canadian Military (Mail) including the award winning exhibit of Major R.K. Malott on Hong Kong Prisoner of War Mail. Other rare material also is offered from the period 1900 thru 1978".

The catalogue for this sale is also a nice reference work which members will do well to keep on file and prices realized for the various lots should be of considerable interest.

Although the sale in Vancouver will be over by the time you read this item we thought the fact of the sale should be recorded in the Newsletter.

283...A mixed bag



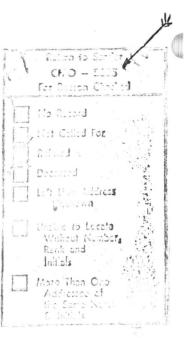
1. Jamaica, Scott's 26 of 1891. UP.PARK.CAMP - Jamaica. A British type squared circle dated 1896 from this camp.

2. This censor mark has been seen in 3 different forms, with a "1" below the "P", with a "2" below the "P" and sans digit as shown here. Marks applied in Belgium in 1945 and 1946.

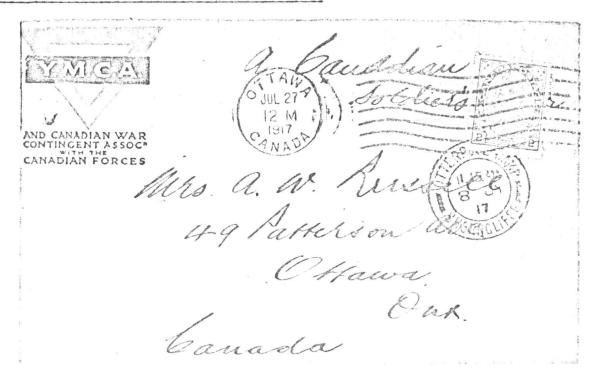
Would members having examples please send photocopy and any pertinent details.

3. Bill Robinson sends this item and notes, " I have never seen one of these before with the office identified". Any other examples around?

Would have been applied between Feb 1, 1973 and July 27, at Saigon, Vietnam.



284...A fine cover - further to NL#30, item 199



Jim Miller sends this one along showing a fine example of the Otterpool Camp handstamp.

An interesting sidelight is the Ottawa machine date which was one day prior to the cessation of affixing postage stamps to letters from Canadian soldiers overseas. This practice began October 8, 1914.

See reference in BNA TOPICS Centennial Yearbook for 1967, page 295 in the article by the late F.W.L. Keane.

Final A "clothesline" exhibit at the seminar in Calgary is pretty well a "must". If you'll be there bring along 2 or 3 pages of military mail material for this event.

All for now: Ken, Colin & Sid