

Canadian Military Mail Study Group

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Spring is here - at least that is the case here! It is hoped that you all have your military mail written up and mounted, and all ready to exhibit at **BNAPEX '89 SEPTEMBER 21 - 23 AT HAMILTON**. If not, better get busy as the lawn will soon need mowing!

ROBERT N. WYSE

We have just had word from Mike Street that one of our members, Bob Wyse, passed away on February 12. Bob specialized in WW I military material we are told. Our sympathy has gone out to his wife.

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Some of you have advised us of this. It is obvious that we, meaning I, goofed on Wilf's RCN Censor figures - they were reversed. Why don't you change your copy now - sorry about that.

DUES

Payment on this years dues has been great - only 9 more to collect. There will be red marks on this page if your dues are still outstanding! Please advise by return (giving a good reason) if wishing to drop out, or for that matter, why you have not sent your dues in.

Just received our 'annual' allotment of C\$32.50 from our BNAPS Treasurer Howard Twichell. This is for the complimentary copies of the N/L we send to BNAPS officers. Thanks go to BNAPS and the Group Co-ord.

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Planing has started on our **100 ANNIVERSARY ISSUE** This will appear at the 1891 Vancouver BNAPS Convention. The Chairman and Editor are planing an extra special issue for this occasion.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome: David Salovey, 34 Hillside Ave. IFF, New York, 10040

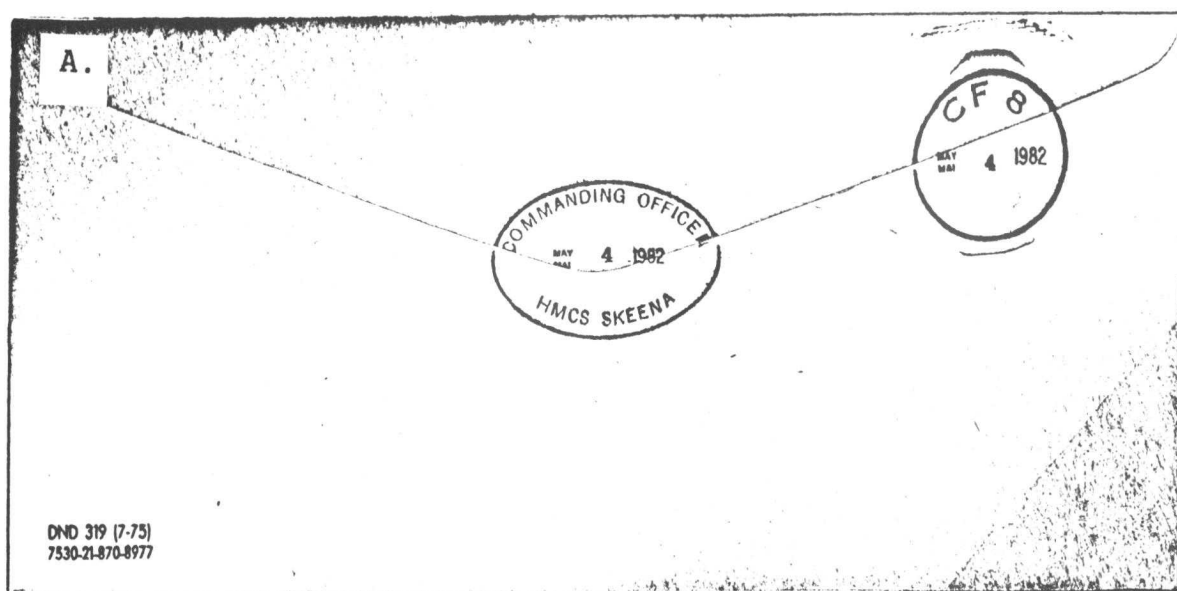
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BLACKOUTS

Included in this N/L is a 'starter' piece on WW II Blackouts. Blackout cancellations are not military, but they cross our path often. We have a preliminary article on slogan machine cancels and further input would be welcomed. In fact, how about a member taking on all, or part, of the blackout subject. This is one field that needs pulling together as many collectors have a showing of these war time covers. Advise Ritch, or the editor, please.



CF - CANADIAN FORCES CACHETS FOR THE NAVY

Courtesy DND D POST and Ritch Toop.

Herewith is a list of CF Cachets for the navy as of Aug. 1988.

Sometime ago I was advised verbally through FMO Victoria and Halifax, that a CF cachet once allotted to a ship remained with her until she was decommissioned.

I have noticed a number of cases which run counter to this, in particular, cachets changing from ship to ship. While this may have been in vogue or resulted when the cachets changed from the single ring with "Royal Canadian at top and Navy Mail 3 at bottom", to the current CF cachets, I am curious as to what really does apply. Several of these changes are - Navy Mail 67, used by HMCS Yukon in 1965, now CF 46 on this new list; Navy Mail 3, from HMCS Ottawa in 1965, now CF 17 on list.

CF 37 from HMCS Saskatchewan in 1982 now reads CF 11 on list; CF 45 from HMCS Terra Nova in 1982 now reads CF 47 on list. It is also interesting to note that CF 45 is currently shown as a spare kit.

I do have a number of these CF cachets, including a few of the two earlier types and wonder if anyone has done research or has enough of them to show any pattern of use. Perhaps the change of numbers (same ship) reflects usage at a particular point in time or maybe the allotment to a ship until decommissioned no longer applies. I wonder what our Study Group experts have to say?

Shown here are three covers as follows:

- A. CF 8 HMCS Skeena, 4 May 1982.
- B. CF 18 HMCS Huron, 24 January 1983.
- C. CF 45 HMCS Terra Nova, 2 April 1983. Also note FMO Meter date and conflict with list of Aug. 1988 showing CF 47 allotted to Terra Nova!!

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List of CF Cachets, Current as of August 1988 at FMO Victoria
and FMO Halifax (courtesy DND D Post)FMO Victoria

CF 11	HMCS Saskatchewan
CF 15	HMCS Restigouche
CF 18	HMCS Huron
CF 39	HMCS Kootenay
CF 41	HMCS Mackenzie
CF 46	HMCS Yukon
CF 47	HMCS Terra Nova
CF 49	HMCS Qu'Appelle
CF 53	HMCS Provider

Spare complete CF sets: CF 37, CF 45, CF 50, CF 54, CF 55

Spare incomplete CF sets: CF 40, CF 44, CF 46, CF 48,
CF 51, CF 52, CF 56, CF 57FMO Halifax

CF 4	HMCS Athabaskan
CF 5	HMCS Saguenay
CF 7	HMCS Nipigon
CF 8	HMCS Skeena
CF 10	HMCS Iroquois
CF 12	HMCS Okanagan
CF 13	HMCS Ojibwa
CF 14	HMCS Onondaga
CF 17	HMCS Ottawa
CF 19	HMCS Assiniboine
CF 20	HMCS Algonquin
CF 21	HMCS Margaree
CF 22	HMCS Fraser
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CF 24	HMCS Protecteur
CF 25	HMCS Annapolis
CF 26	HMCS Preserver
CF 38	HMCS Gatineau

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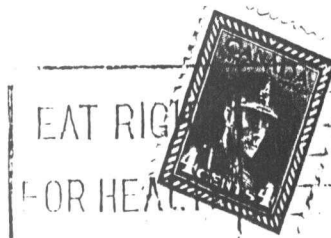
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CANADIAN BLACKOUT MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS OF WW II

The following piece is edited from an article on the subject by Harold M. Dilworth that appeared in BNA TOPICS of May 1969.

The ever increasing intensity of enemy attacks on Allied shipping during the early stages of World War II made it imperative that all possible measures be taken to preserve absolute secrecy pertaining to the movement of ships. It was felt that information pieced together from mail captured by the enemy could be of assistance in establishing a pattern governing the movement of convoys, and hence all mail from Naval and Merchant ships was censored before being put in the postal channels. This also applied to all mail leaving the country.

In addition to the above cautionary measures it was considered that postmarks themselves appearing on letters mailed from Atlantic ports might possibly enable the enemy to deduce information on ship movements. The first measure taken by the Post Office to eliminate such a possibility was the entire removal of the circular date stamp from the automatic dater-cancellers when processing mail bearing postage stamps that originated from ships. The few such covers noted by Harold Dilworth had only the wavy lines of the canceller in the upper right corner as well as the naval censor markings. Mail from service personnel not requiring postage was processed without going through the automatic canceller, but they bear the censor markings.

Later it was decided to eliminate the markings identifying the post office of origin from all mail from Atlantic port cities; and the Post Office Department issued special cancelling devices in a number of different forms for use at Halifax, St. John, Quebec and several other eastern ports; Montreal being a notable exception for some inexplicable reason. This took place in December 1942.

The same thing happened on the west coast by September 1943. The Pacific port cities of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert were issued similar cancelling devices. Unaccountably the port city of New Westminster, like Montreal, was not included.

After VJ Day there was of course no need to continue the use of blackout postmarks and they were withdrawn in September 1945 in the west, but had been removed in the east in June 1945.

At the moment we are dealing only with the blackout machine cancels that used slogans in their make-up. A list and check sheet is included of those known and your input for any unreported slogans would be appreciated. Always be careful that you can confirm the proper originating city so that errors are not turned into fact.

BLACKOUT - MACHINE-SLOGAN - CANCELLATIONS

The following are the known slogan-machine cancellations used with the blackout hubs of 1943-45 in certain cities of Canada. If you have any not listed here, please add them to the bottom of the list in the space provided and advise your editor. A photocopy appreciated.

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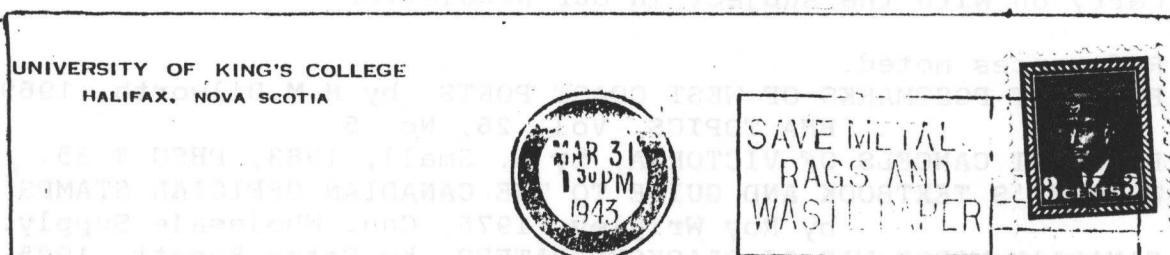
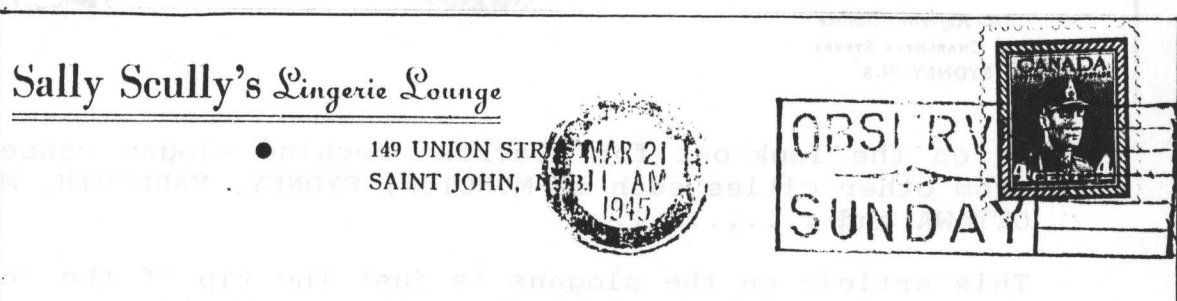
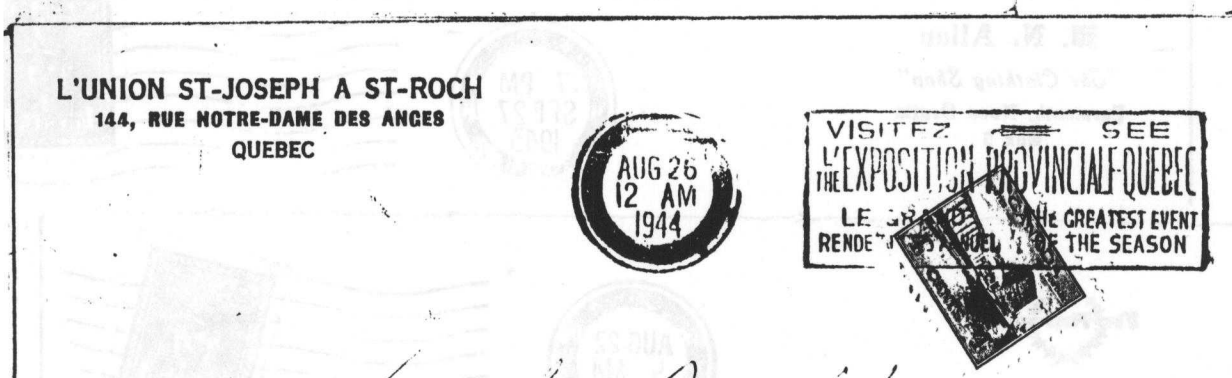
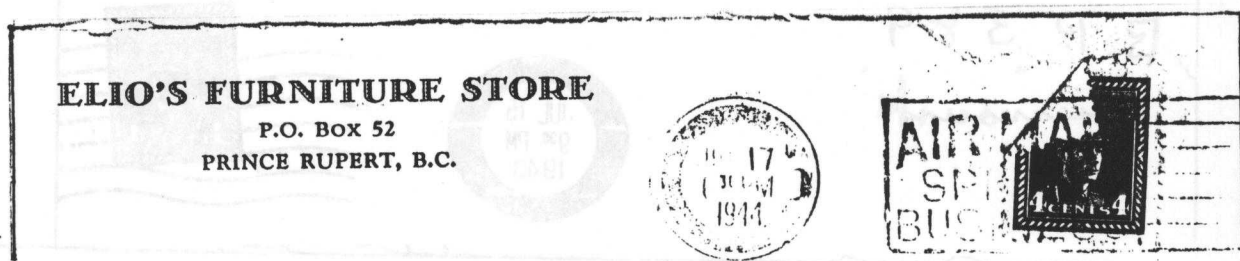
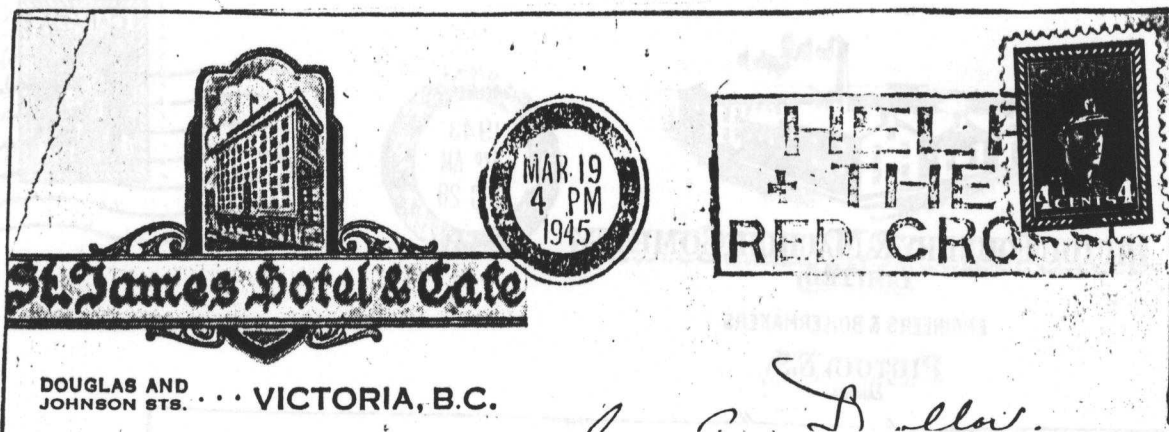
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850A	T BUY T/CHRISTMAS/SEALS
890	BUY/VICTORY/BONDS
890A	BUY/VICTORY BONDS/PRETEZ/A LA VICTOIRE
2215	CONSERVE COAL/CONSERVEZ/LE CHARBON
2216	CONSERVE COAL/SAVE/ONE TON IN FIVE
2710	EAT RIGHT/FOR HEALTH
4502	HELP/T THE T/RED CROSS
4503	HELP/THE RED CROSS/AIDEZ/LA CROIX ROUGE
4815	INSURE YOUR PARCELS AT THE POST OFFICE
6465	OBSERVE/SUNDAY
6465A	OBSERVE SUNDAY/OBSERVEZ LE DIMANCHE
6465A@	OBSERVE/SUNDAY/OBSERVEZ/LE DIMANCHE
6910	PAY NO MORE/THAN/CEILING PRICES
7595	REMEMBRANCE DAY CANADIAN LEGION VETCRAFT POPPIES
7860	SAVE METALS/RAGS AND/WASTE PAPER
7875	SAVE TIME/FLY YOUR MAIL
7882	SAVE TIME/USE AIRMAIL/EPARGNEZ DU TEMPS/UTILISEZ LA POSTE AERIENNE
7896A	SAVE YOUR SCRAP/MATERIAL/CONSERVEZ VOS/REBUTS
9965	V...
10003	VISITEZ-SEE/L'/THE EXPOSITION PROVINCIALE QUEBEC/ LE GRAND - THE GREATEST EVENT/RENDEZ VOUS ANNUEL - OF THE SEASON
10770	YOUR FRIEND/WILL APPRECIATE/A LETTER/WRITE TODAY

BLACKOUT - MACHINE-SLOGAN - CANCELLATIONS

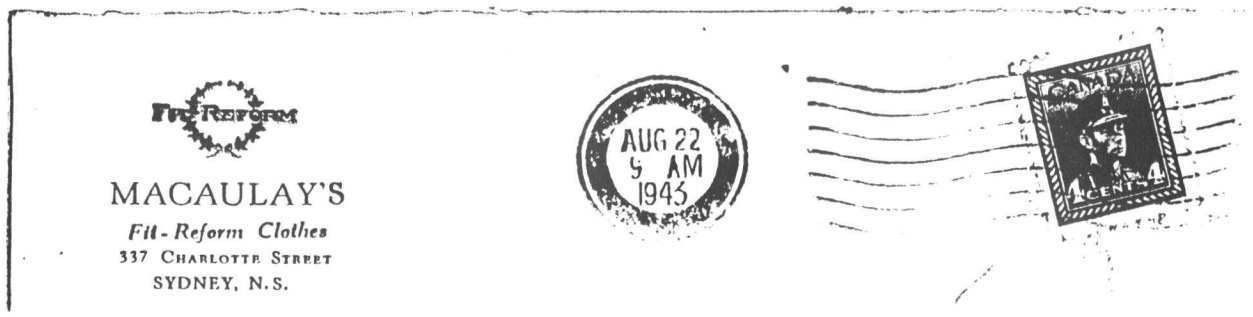
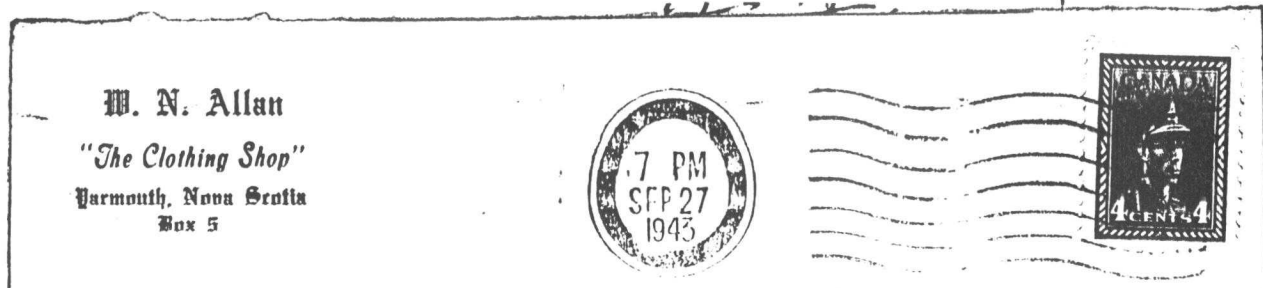
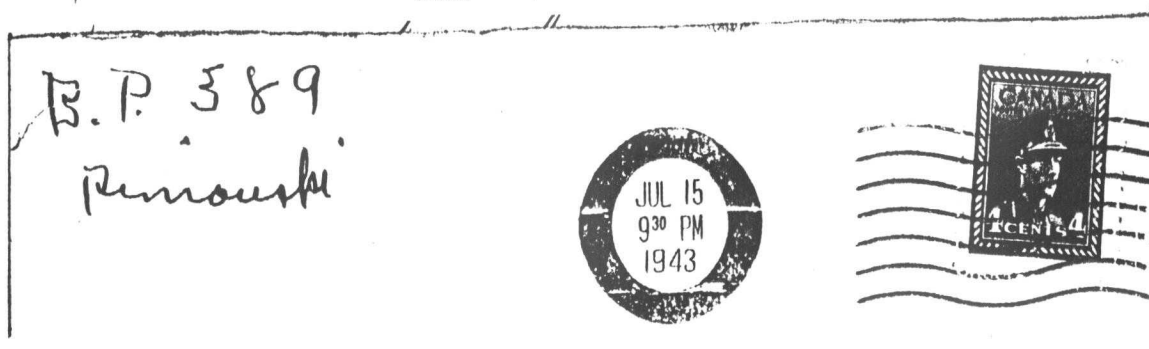
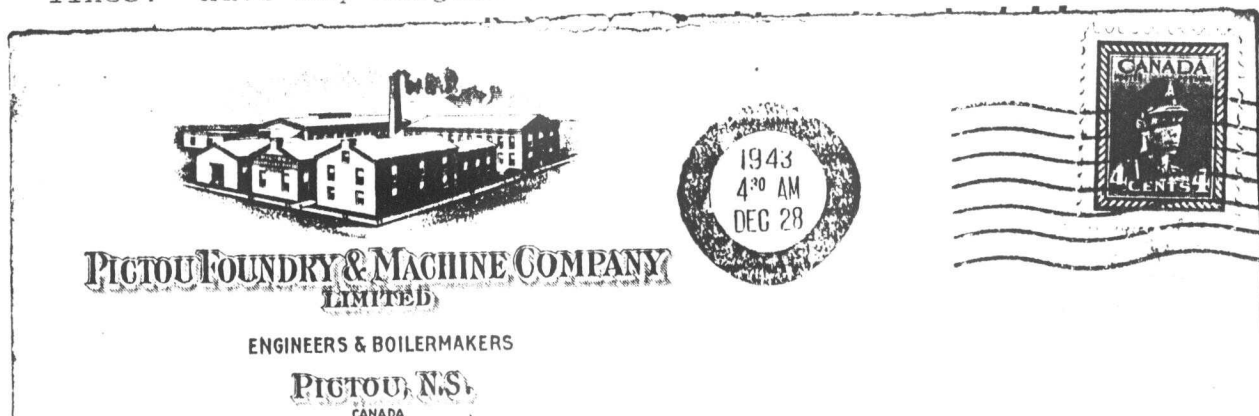
Your checklist of cities using Slogan Cancels with blackout hubs follows. The main cities are listed here but watch for other places such as Moncton, Sydney, Yarmouth, Montreal, Ottawa and Bear in mind also, that when working on slogan dates, that a city may have had a slogan in use for several different periods, i.e. HELP THE RED CROSS etc.

PROULX # VANC- VICTORIA PRINCE QUEBEC ST.JOHN HALIFAX OTHERS[illegible]

Examples of blackout slogan cancels are illustrated throughout and should be self-explanatory.



Several illustrations here have the regular machine wavy lines. Have any slogans been noted from these places?



Be on the look-out for blackout machine slogan cancellations from other cities such as MONCTON, SYDNEY, YARMOUTH, MONTREAL, OTTAWA and

This article on the slogans is just the tip of the iceberg as far as the subject of blackouts goes. Would someone like to carry on with the subject in our Newsletter?

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BENCHMARK LIST

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