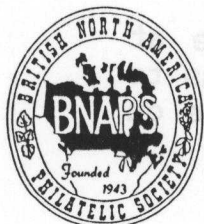




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Canadian Military Mail Study Group

ONE HUNDRED NEWSLETTERS

After 18 years of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group's life, we have at last come to the 'magical' 100th Newsletter! At this point it is appropriate to have a message from Ritch Toop, our Chairperson.

Looking over a number of back issues of the CMMSG leads one to speculate there can't be anything left to research and write up which is new and interesting to our members. Such is not the case. Every Newsletter has been a new experience with data of interest to all. Here we are at N/L 100 and still going strong. In addition, a special edition has been assembled and will be available to those attending **BNAPEX 91** in Vancouver; for non-attending members copies will be mailed out.

I have had the benefit of seeing material being edited and assembled for our special issue. It started out slowly, then grew like "Topsy" to the point where we were forced to cut everything off in order to allow time for final assembly, processing, printing and so on. Regrettably this caused several articles to be excluded which otherwise could have been catered to. All good things must come to an end and this special edition is no exception. There are almost 250 pages which I am sure will be enjoyed; thanks to everyone who has contributed!

In closing, special thanks are in order to Bob Lee and son Craig who have done a superb job of putting all this through their desktop publishing operation. Last but not least, our Editor, Ken Ellison, has done a super job in bringing all of this together for everyone to enjoy.

INDEX - A surprise for many of you will be our new **INDEX**, complete to the end of the 100 N/L's and compiled by Ritch Toop. This document is 36 pages long and is going out with the **ANTHOLOGY** (book). Its price is included in the package total you are being asked to pay as per blue slip herein. Thank You!

A CANADIAN MILITARY POSTAL HISTORY ANTHOLOGY

At long last this 238 page 'document' is a reality, and the first you will see of it will be at BNAPEX 91 in Vancouver, 29, 30, 31 August.

Since starting this project we have been beset by increasing costs and, as a result, we are seeking additional funds and an invoice is included with this mailing. Included in the package will be the revised INDEX covering N/L's 1 to 100.

It is intended to give out as many copies as possible at BNAPEX 91. Following this event we will mail out the items to all those members not at the Convention and this will be on the honour system for payment.

MISCELLANY

Space is at a premium as we only have two pages for 'this and that', due to the fact that the other pages in this N/L had to be done several months ago so Ritch would be able to include this N/L in the new INDEX.

NEW MEMBERS - six of them - HANNAN, WALLACE, PAWLUK, SMITH (Joe), SPEIRS and WAUGH - addresses to follow next N/L.

ORAPEX - This N/L awarded a Silver-Bronze in the Lit. Class.

FIRBY AUCTION - Word has been received that some of Ed. Richardson's collection will be auctioned in November. We have requested catalogs be sent to our members. Ed was our founding member back in 1973! More in the next Newsletter.

ANTHOLOGY - additional copies available from Robt.A.Lee, #203-1139 Sutherland Ave., Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 5Y2. Also available, on special order, is a hard covered edition. More on details of our book at the Convention and also in the next N/L.

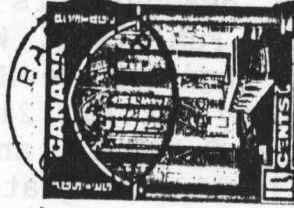
THE CANADIAN MILITARY POSTS,
VOLUME 3, By W.J.Bailey and E.R.Toop, Edited by E.B.Proud.

We are fortunate in having Ritch Toop and Bill Bailey as members of our study group as they are the premier authors of Canadian military postal history. With this volume they have now covered the full range of Canadian Military Postal History!

Volume 3 is a hard cover, 264 page book that covers our military posts from the end of World War II right up to 1989. It follows the pattern established in both Volumes I and II of presenting first, the general postal history of the period followed by a second part devoted to the postal markings, all of which are illustrated.

This is a very necessary book for the collector of Canadian military postal history and should be in your library. Past experience suggests it should be bought now as the price always seems to go up on works by these authors!

PRISONER OF WAR MAIL FREE

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVIONEXAMINED BY CENSOR *DB/C*

*Recibido
del 28 la direccion de la escuela
26 Alemania Belgrano
Calle Cabildo - Belgrano
Buenos Aires
Argentina*

FORM I.O.17

P.O.W. TO ARGENTINA

From Walter Plomish.

Have you ever seen a cover like this one? It is most interesting (at least to the editor).

The cover is dated 8 October 1942 and was from a German P.O.W. in Camp 33 at Petawawa, Ontario. Note both the BASE A.P.O. / CANADA handstamp as well as the machine cancellation. On the reverse is a Buenos Aires receiving machine cancel dated 11/12/42. A translation of the addressee's name indicates it to be an English language school.

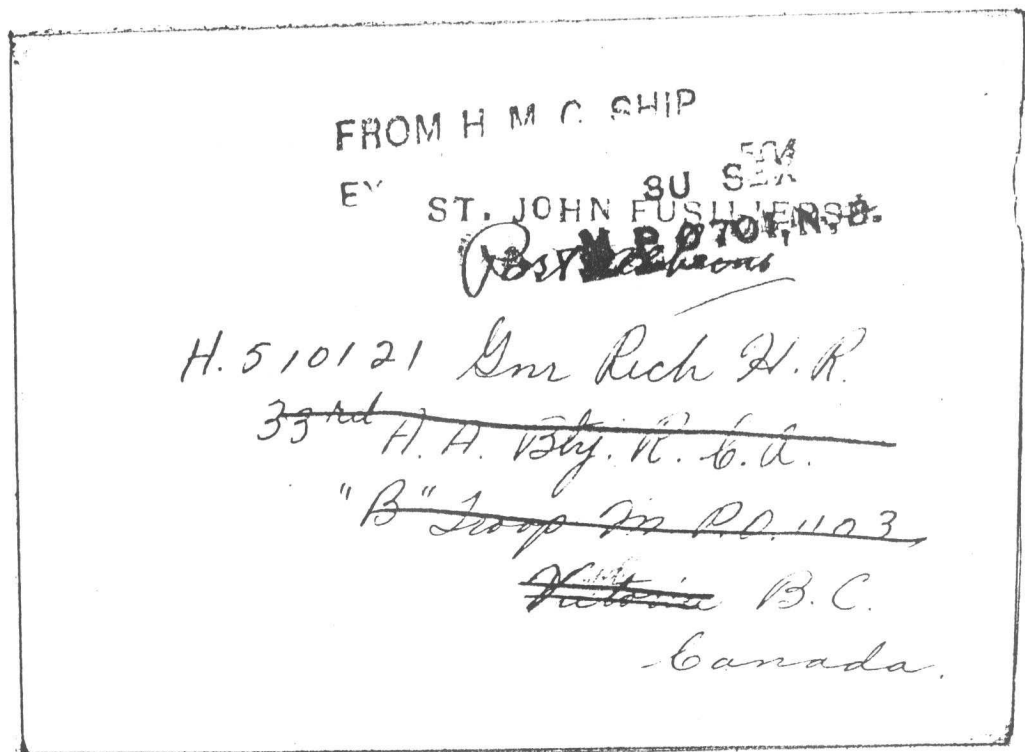
In case you are interested, the cover is rated at 35 cents per half ounce for airmail to Argentina. Note also the Canadian EXAMINED BY CENSOR *DB/C* with what looks like a censor's initials rather than a DB/C number as was usual.

Do any other of our members have interesting covers such as Walter collects, that is airmail rated military covers? Walter is not exclusively collecting Canadian military covers but any such airmail ones from or to Canada.

THE KISKA EXPEDITION

A page from the collection of... Bill Robinson.

In June, 1943, the Headquarters of the '13th Infantry Brigade, the Canadian Fusiliers, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Rocky Mountain Rangers, Le Regiment de Hull, 24th Field Regiment and 46th L.A.A. Battery R.C.A., 24th Field Company R.C.E., 25th Field Ambulance R.C.A.M.C., and a company of the Saint John Fusiliers (M.G.) were designated to carry out the Kiska operation. They trained at Nanaimo, Port Alberni and Comox on the British Columbia Coast.



This cover was mailed from H.M.C.S. AVALON at St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B.C. It bears the two-line naval censor marking FROM H M C SHIP / EXAMINED BY DB/N 504, and a VICTORIA - M.P.O. 1103 / B.C. arrival cds dated December 16, 1944. The soldier had been re-posted, and the cover bears a straight-line ST. JOHN FUSILIERS in green, and a m/s Port Alberni in red. Arrival there is shown by a PORT ALBERNI - M.P.O. 1105 / B.C. cds dated December 19, 1944.

By that date, these units had been sent back to Eastern Canada, so the cover was again readdressed by a two-line marking SUSSEX / MPO 701, N.B. in black. In all, a nice cover that compliments the Kiska operation!

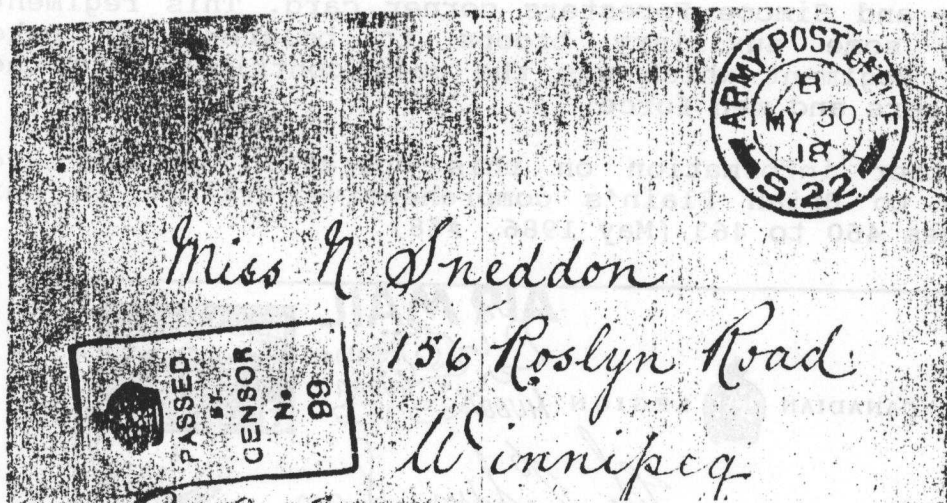
Back in September 1989, Page 644, we ran a short 'bit' on the De Souza postcards. Since then several more have come to our attention, notably via Ron Kitchen. Perhaps it would be good to bring this topic up to date. (See photo on Page 644 for an example of the cards.)

E. De Souza published, in Canada, a series of WW I postcards of battlefield type scenes in France. Although the cards do not always have Canadian 'content' (other than published in Canada) we list what has come to light as far as this N/L is concerned. The cards are 'real photo' and the back printing is of the AZO origin. De Souza had a Toronto address at 1325 Dundas Street, West. Cards recorded so far:

- 1) RUINS, ARRAS, FRANCE, OCCUPIED BY CANADIANS DURING 1918.
- 2) DEADMAN'S HILL, VERDUN.
- 3) SHELL HOLES NEAR TELEGRAPH HILL.
- 4) RUINS, AGNE, NEAR ARRAS.
- 5) AN INSPECTION IN 1st LINES AFTER CAPTURE OF PART OF HINDENBURG LINE.
- 6) FORT DE LA POMPELLE, REIMS.
- 7) RUINS, PETIT VIMY.
- 8) GERMAN 5.9 BURSTING, MERICOURT SECTOR, FRANCE.

(6, 7, 8 reported by Ron Kitchen)

(7, 8 appear to be De Souza cards except his name missing)



THE STORY BEHIND A COVER

From Dean Mario

This cover is pretty straight forward looking. You will say that it is only from APO S22 which was at Etaples on 30 May 1918 and it has the usual censor marking. So what?

The story is that this cover was posted the day before the area was damaged by German bombs which completely destroyed the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital and heavily damaged the No. 1 General Hospital. Apparently one patient was killed and several more were wounded. This was the second time the area was bombarded, the first being on 19 May 1918.



CENSORED



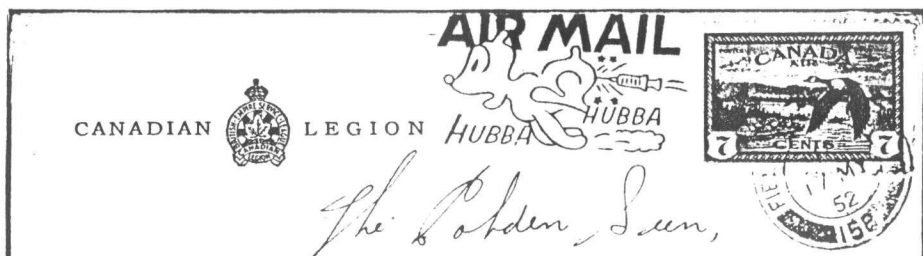
*Mrs. James M. Carter
S.S. Canada
c/o 40th St. Supply Coy.
Fort Wellham
Ontario*

FORCE "Q"

From Dave Hanes.

Dave recently came across this nice cover from a member of the proposed "Q" Force. These covers are hard to find and thus scarce, mainly because they are not always recognized by collectors. This one is especially desirable because of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters corner card. This regiment provided some auxiliary troops to bolster the Lake Superior Regiment which was the main contributor to the 189 officers and men force.

For further information on this operation readers are directed to Brian Plain's comprehensive article in our N/L, pages 460 to 463 (May 1986, #68).



UNITED NATIONS OPERATIONS IN KOREA 1950-1955

From Ritch Toop comes this example in response to our Page 737 of N/L #98. You will note that this is a different 'HUBBA HUBBA' marking and Ritch states: "Although 'Free' mailing privileges had ben granted to the Forces in Korea, this correspondent chose to specify airmail which required payment of the airmail rate."

"This cover was posted 17 May 1952 through British FPO 158 at Pusan, Korea and backstamped CAPO 5000 19 May 1952 at Kure, Japan. The airmail 'Hubba Hubba' is known in a number of different configurations." Another one for the 'book'!

AIRMAIL TO CANADIANS SERVING ABROAD IN WW II

In N/L # 99 we included an article from Walter Plomish on the Non-transmissible blue AFAL's to POW's. (Page 746) Continuing on is this series of Walter's is this cover to a Lieutenant, RCNVR, in Colombo, Ceylon. Firstly, this cover bears the 90 cents per half ounce for Pan Am Clipper service via San Francisco and Hong Kong to Ceylon. It appears to have been posted at Charlottetown, P.E.I., date unreadable, and in Toronto the uncanceled 20 cent stamp was given a purple TORONTO 1 / AIR MAIL marking on JUL / 15 / 1941.

What was a Canadian Naval Officer doing in Ceylon in 1941? Consulting the references reveals nothing but we do know that Canadian naval personnel were often attached to the Royal Navy. Our 'resident naval correspondent' remembers a Lieutenant Grant having been on duty in the Far East with the RN.

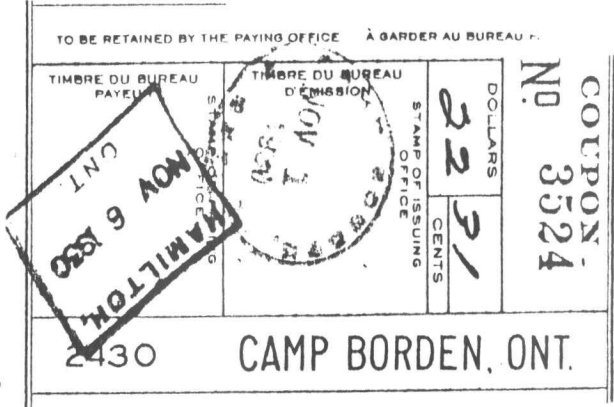
This nice military related rate cover shows one of the many avenues available to the military postal historian.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET TO VANCOUVER FOR BNAPEX '91. IT WILL BE THE BEST CONVENTION OF ALL!

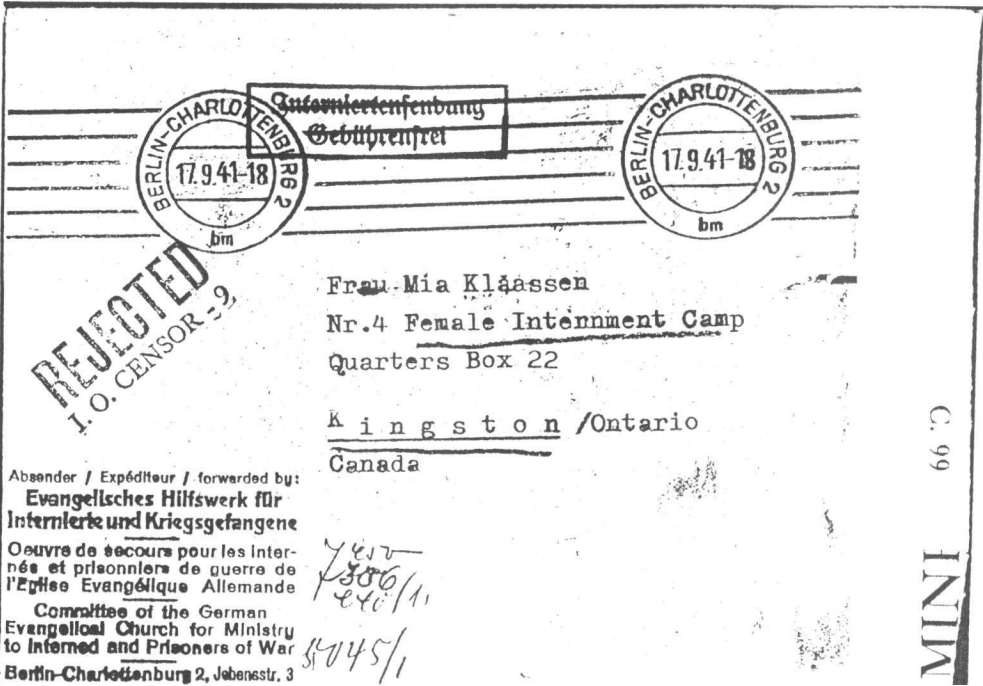
MORE ON HANK'S MOODS!

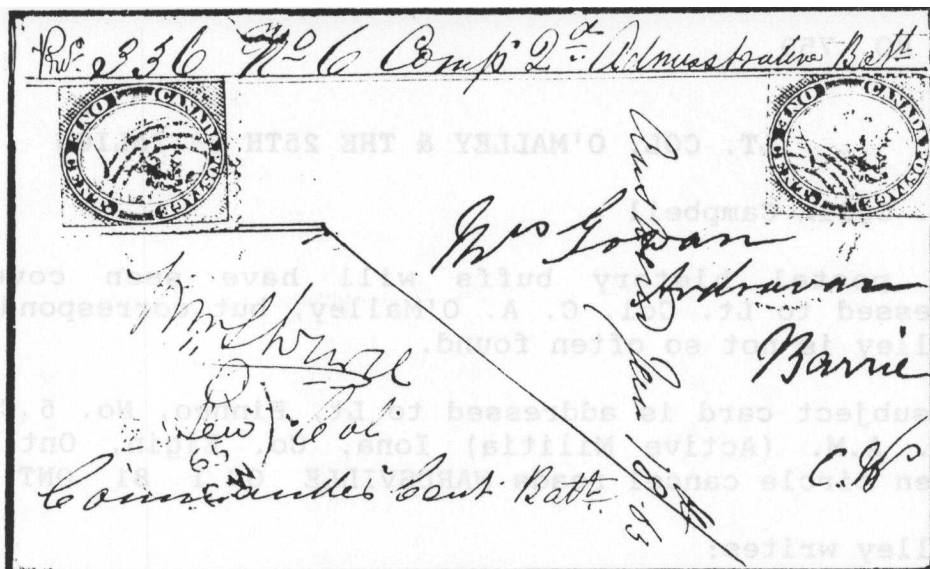
By now we all know about Hank Narbonne's MOOD's! Our last N/L showed such a MOOD cover from Camp Borden. Now Hank is showing us the same cancel on a Money Order coupon from the same camp. This is the only MOOD cancel used at a military establishment. Don't confuse these with the larger, and later, rubber handstamps used at many camps. Come to **BNAPEX in Vancouver** at the end of August this year where Hank will have an exhibit which includes these items.



FEMALE INTERNMENT CAMP AT KINGSTON From Ritch Toop.

This very clearly marked cover is from BERLIN-CHARLOTTENBURG 2, Germany on 17 September 1941 is addressed to a female internee at POW Camp 31, Kingston, Ontario. In addition to the Examined by Censor tape the reverse shows a German censor tape and base APO machine marking of 14 Nov3mber 1941. Of particular note is the handstamp REJECTED / I.O. CENSOR-9. evidently a part of the Kingston Camp had a designated part for female internees.





AN EARLY CANADIAN MILITARY COVER

From Ritch Toop

2 CENTS SOLDIERS RATE

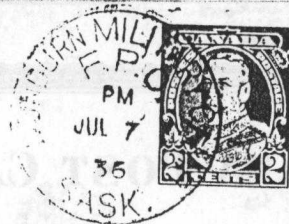
This soldiers letter was posted at Niagara, C.W. 21 January 1865 and bears two one cent rose single stamps making up the soldiers rate. The cover is signed by the Commanding Officer and divided as per regulations. The reverse bears a Barrie, C.W. receiving strike of 23 January 1865.

A CANADIAN MILITARY CANCEL

The Dundurn Camp Field Post Office was located in a recreation building and it was officially opened on 7 July 1936. It operated during summer Militia training camps until May 1941 when the use of the cancel shown below, ceased. The camp is still active, but in a different role, and is in the electoral district of Rosthern, 25 miles south-east of Saskatoon. It was built as a relief project between 1931 and 1936.

Note that this cancel, unlike the other three, abbreviates the word - FIELD POST OFFICE. This is a First Day Cover for the cancellation!

A 'shorty' from J. C. Campbell.

O. H. M. S.

Mr. L. Carter,
33 Edinborough Dr.,
Sherwood,
England.

LT. COL. O'MALLEY & THE 25TH BATTALION

By J. Colin Campbell

Many postal history buffs will have seen covers/cards addressed to Lt. Col. C. A. O'Malley, but correspondence from O'Malley is not so often found.

The subject card is addressed to Lt. Pinneo, No. 5 Coy., 25th Batt. A.M. (Active Militia) Iona, Co. Elgin, Ont. A faint broken circle cancel reads WARDSVILLE OC 1 81 ONT.

O'Malley writes:

Dear Lieutenant

There is to be an examining Board in London (Ontario) on 25th inst.

Subject of Drill (40 marks); Arms and Interim Economy (10) Clauses of Articles of War, Militia Act (20). I would like you to qualify. I fear No. 5 will go down or have to be changed and remodeled. Hoping you are better I am Yours Truly

C.A.O'Malley
Wardsville 1-10-81

Lt. Col. 25th Batt.

The 25th Elgin Battalion of Infantry was first raised 14 September 1866 following an attack on Canada by the Fenian Brotherhood whose plan was to hold Britain's American Colonies hostage for Ireland. A short lived 'action' took place 31 May 1866 at Fort Erie, Ontario. Within a couple of days the Fenians returned to Buffalo, New York and the first raid was history.

The 25th, at one time, was comprised of six companies, one each at Iona, Aylmer and Vienna and three at St. Thomas where headquarters was located.

This is an interesting link with Canada's early Citizens' Army.

