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Editorial Ramblings

If the summer is as dismal and wet where you are as it is here in Ottawa, then you should have plenty of time on your hands to work on your stamp collection, rather than pull weeds in the garden or cut the grass. In a recent letter, our member John Wanneton from Kenilworth, South Africa, wrote me that winter there is cold and rainy; in other words, just as this summer has been in Canada!

You know, of course, that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Well, this issue just proves it once again! I had fully intended to get this posted out before leaving on a trip, but fate (and a few minor business emergencies) intervened, so here we are in mid-September already. Never fear, though, all's in hand again.

This issue contains another smorgasbord ranging from the second instalment of Bill Robinson's WW II FPO listing to a listing of current CFPOs.

I hope you'll like it. Until next month!

Henk Burgers



Coming in Future Issues:

More from the Canada Official Postal Guide, more interesting news submitted by our members and, of course, a report on BNAPEX '92 from our intrepid Chairman.

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Here is the second part of the listing of the British and Canadian FPOs that served the Canadian Army overseas during World War II. One correction to the previous issue: "C.3/312" (3 Inf Bde) did not include "4th Field Regiment RCA". That should, of course, have been "4th Field Company RCE". As a long-time Sapper, I will have to hang my head in shame!

FPOs of the Canadian Army Overseas During WW II

PART 2

From W. G. (Bill) Robinson

FOURTH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

CANADIAN FPO	BRITISH FPO	FORMATION & UNITS SERVED
D.C.A.4	490	<u>4th Divisional HQ</u> 29th Recce Regt (South Alberta Regiment) 4th Armoured Divisional Signals
T.C.A.4	624	<u>4th Divisional Ration Point</u> 5th Anti-Tank Regiment RCA 8th LAA Regiment RCA 6th Field Park Sqn RCE 4th Armoured Div Troops Coy RCASC (& Tpt.Coy) 4th Armoured Div Ordnance Field Park RCOG 4th Provost Coy CProC 4th Armoured Div Workshop RCEME
C.A.4	626	<u>4th Armoured Brigade HQ</u> 21st Armoured Regiment (Governor-General's Foot Guards) 22nd Armoured Regiment (Canadian Grenadier Guards) 28th Armoured Regiment (B.C. Regiment) 23rd Field Regiment RCA (SP) 8th Field Squadron RCE 4th Armoured Brigade Coy RCASC 12th Light Field Ambulance RCAMC 4th Armoured Brigade Workshop RCEME
C.10	625	<u>10th Infantry Brigade HQ</u> 10th Ind. MG Coy (New Brunswick Rangers) Lincoln & Welland Regiment Algonquin Regiment Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) 15th Field Regiment RCA 9th Field Sqn RCE 10th Infantry Brigade Coy RCASC 15th Field Ambulance RCAMC 10th Infantry Brigade Workshop RCEME

CANADIAN FPO BRITISH FPO FORMATION & UNITS SERVED

FIRST CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADEC.A.1 34
(formerly BTC1)1st Armoured Brigade HQ

11th Armoured Regiment (Ontario Regiment)
 12th Armoured Regiment (Three Rivers Regiment)
 14th Armoured Regiment (Calgary Regiment)
 1st Armoured Brigade Signals
 1st Armoured Brigade Coy RCASC
 1st Armoured Brigade Ordnance Field Park RCOC
 2nd Light Field Ambulance RCAMC
 1st Armoured Brigade Workshop RCEME

SECOND CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADEC.A.2 430
(formerly BCT2)1st Armoured Brigade HQ

6th Armoured Regiment (1st Hussars)
 10th Armoured Regiment (Fort Garry Horse)
 27th Armoured Regiment (Sherbrooke Fusiliers)
 2nd Armoured Brigade Signals
 2nd Armoured Brigade Coy RCASC
 17th Light Field Ambulance RCAMC
 2nd Armoured Brigade Ordnance Field Park RCOC
 2nd Armoured Brigade Workshop RCEME

FIFTH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

D.C.A.5 522

5th Divisional HQ

3rd Armoured Recce Regt (G.G.H.G.)
 5th Armoured Divisional Signals

T.C.A.5 521

5th Divisional Ration Point

4th Anti-Tank Regiment RCA
 5th LAA Regiment RCA
 4th Field Park Sqn RCE
 5th Armoured Div Troops Coy RCASC
 5th Armoured Div Transport Coy RCASC
 5th Armoured Div Ordnance Field Park RCOC
 5th Provost Coy CProC
 5th Armoured Div Workshop RCEME

C.A.5 524

5th Armoured Brigade HQ

2nd Armoured Regiment (LdSH)
 5th Armoured Regiment (8th PL (N.B.) Hussars)
 9th Armoured Regiment RCA (BC Dragoons)
 8th Field Regiment RCA (SP)
 1st Field Sqn RCE
 5th Armoured Brigade Coy RCASC
 7th Light Field Ambulance RCAMC
 5th Armoured Brigade Workshop RCEME

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Postage Due

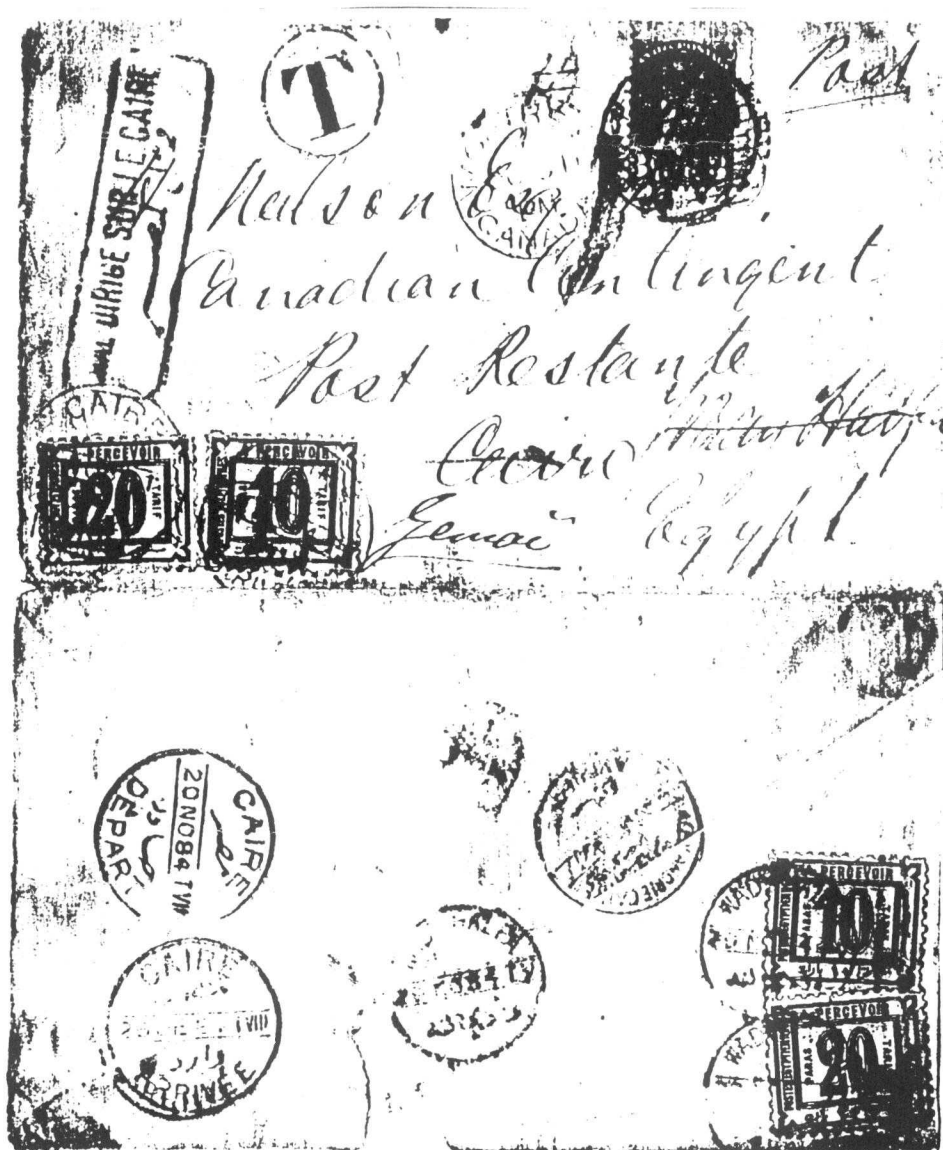
Canadian Contingent in the First Nile Expedition

From Frank Waite

The cover illustrated was mailed at Montreal on October 31, 1884; it was short paid 2c.

It was taxed 30 paras (double the shortage) at Cairo on November 19th; the letter went unclaimed (or perhaps the addressee did not want to pay the money. It was struck "MAL DIRIGÉ SUR LE CAIRE" (misdirected to Cairo), and forwarded to Halfa, where the first due stamps were annulled (T).

New due stamps were applied at Halfa on November 29th; the letter also went unclaimed here and again at Gemai. It was then returned to Cairo on December 26th.



The addressee, Dr. H. Neilson, was a physician to the Canadian Voyageurs on the Nile.

From Don Wilson, our BNAPS Director from St. John's comes this information that may be of use to the CMMMSG collectors. It is a listing of US military bases and sites that were used by these forces over the fifty years they were located there. By 1976, all these operations had been phased out except for the Argentia Naval Facility, and now even that has also been closed, or soon will be.

US FORCES IN NEWFOUNDLAND 1941-1991

From Don Wilson

During this fifty-year period, over 100,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Newfoundland and Labrador. Tours of duty varied from 18 months to three years, and over 25,000 Newfoundland girls married U.S. servicemen.

The following is a listing of over 70 bases and sites where the Americans served in Newfoundland and Labrador, from 1941 to 1991.

UST E.B. ALEXANDER	TABLE MOUNTAIN	PLACENTIA
CAMP ALEXANDER MOUSE ISLAND, P.A.B.		FOX ISLAND-DUNVILLE
FORT PEPPERRELL	ST. ANTHONY	ST. GEORGE'S
USS RICHARD PECK	HAMPDEN, W.B.	ST. FINTON'S
USN BASE ARGENTIA	LA SCIE, W.B.	KIPPENS
FORT McANDREW	DEER LAKE	BLACK DUCK
LATINE POINT	CORNER BROOK	JERRY'S NOSE
GANDER AIR BASE	HOWLEY	STEPHENVILLE CROSS
ERNEST HARMON AFB	MILLERTOWN JUNCTION	PORT-AU-PORT
CAMP MORRIS, S'VILLE	GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR	CUT THROAT, LAB.
GOOSE BAY AIR BASE	SHOAL HARBOUR	ELLISON, TRINITY BAY
TORBAY AIRPORT	WHITBOURNE	ALLAN'S ISLAND
SIGNAL HILL	COLINET	ST. BRIDE'S S.M.B.
WHITE HILLS	SNELGROVE	SALMONIER LINE
RED CLIFF	SANDY COVE-FOGO	BATTLE HARBOUR, LAB.
CAPE SPEAR	ARNOLD'S COVE	MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR
ROBIN HOOD BAY	TWILLINGATE	PINE TREE, GOOSE BAY
LOGY BAY	WESLEYVILLE	CARTWRIGHT, LAB.
TORBAY	CAPE BONAVISTA	HOPEDALE, LABRADOR
MIDDLE COVE	FLATROCK	SAGLEK, LABRADOR
OUTER COVE	POUCH COVE	CAPE HARRISON, LAB.
CAMP 33, ST. GEORGES	SHOE COVE	SPOTTED ISLAND, LAB.
ST. ANDREW'S	CAPE ST. FRANCIS	FOX HARBOUR, LAB.
	ISAAC'S HEAD	RED BAY, LABRADOR

From The Canada Official Postal Guide

Information for Postmasters

March Supplement, 1917

4. Mails for Units of Canadian Expeditionary Forces. - When making up mails or face-slipped packages for Units of the Canadian Overseas forces postmasters are instructed to see that the Unit address when written is made very plain and written with heavy black or indelible pencil. In the case of facing-slips, the Unit address should appear about the centre of the slip and not at the extreme top, as in such cases, when the facing slip becomes frayed or torn, the address is destroyed. Cases have occurred where errors in sortation of letter packages have been caused by the illegibility of the Unit address on the respective facing-slips.

An interesting piece of history relating to the RCR which, as some of you may know is moving to CFB Petawawa this year. Its old regimental home base at CFB London, Ontario, will be closed.

A POST OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From Bill Robinson

MEMORANDUM

The Postmaster,
Halifax N.S.

Post Office Department, Canada
Ottawa, September 11, 1915

The Postmaster is informed for his guidance in sorting the mail for the troops, that the Department is in receipt of a communication from the Department of Militia & Defence dated the 10th instant, stating that the S.S. "Caledonian" which sailed from Halifax August 26th, arrived at Devonport on the 6th instant with the following Troops on Board:

Royal Canadian Regiment.

34 Officers.
1052 Other Ranks.

[R.W. Coulter]
Deputy Postmaster General.

MPO 115

From Dave Hanes

Lawrence
Box 1-77
Cornwallis NS BOS 1H6


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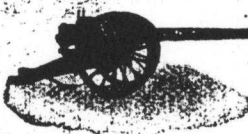
A new location for MPO 115 - Cornwallis, N.S.

MPO 115 previously operated at Oromocto, NB between 8 Sep. 1980 and 15 Jul 1981.
It reopened at CFB Cornwallis, NS on 11 May 1989 (Also see CMMMSG N/L No. 49, pp. 298-99).

For a look of how the regiments used to call back their men from leave, here are a couple of interesting items.

Come back, Private Jones!

Our militia soldiers at the turn of the century were reminded of parades with cards like the one below from the 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery in Montreal. Printed on a 1 cent green Edward (Webb P22) postcard. Sent in by Dean Mario.



2ND REGIMENT CANADIAN ARTILLERY
No. 1 COMPANY

Montreal, 190

The Company will parade at the Armoury on **MONDAY** the
FRIDAY

at 8.15 p. m. sharp. Uniform:

for

By order, *J. Slade, R.A.M.*

EVERY MEMBER MUST ATTEND

Here is a similar item from Ron Kitchen. This card from the 117th Battalion CEF was sent to remind soldiers on farm leave to be sure to return on time. They were also exhorted to bring a friend to join the battalion. Postmarked with Camp Borden machine cancel.

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Camp Borden, *Aug 11* 1916.

This is to remind you that your furlough expires on *Aug 30* and that you must report to your battalion before 9.30 p.m. that day. Be sure to bring back a letter, signed by your employer and two witnesses, stating that you have worked for him during the period of your furlough.

If every man on farm furlough gets a recruit, it would bring the battalion up to FULL STRENGTH. I earnestly desire that YOU PERSONALLY endeavor to show your patriotism and interest by securing at least one man for this cause. If you cannot bring him with you, get the date on which he could join. For your effort, \$2.00 per man will be paid you in cash the day your recruit signs up.

Not in the
 Com'g 117th Bn C.E.F. O. C. 117th Bn.

A timely listing, with so many Canadian troops going off on various peacekeeping missions.

CANADIAN FORCES POST OFFICES

From Stan Cherkas

CFPO No. Location

42	- 3RCR/BADEN (exercise only)
43	- 8TH CDN HUSSARS/LAHR (exercise only)
44	- 1 R22R/LAHR (exercise only)
105	- CFB LAHR, GERMANY
108	- CFB LAHR, GERMANY
5000	- MAIN P.O. LAHR (CFE)
5001	- CYPRUS
5002	- GOLAN HEIGHTS
5003	- SARAJEVO
5004	- DARUVAR, YUGOSLAVIA
5005	- SOMALIA (allocated, but not yet in operation)
5006	- KUWAIT
5045	- BRUNSSUM, HOLLAND
5048	- SHAPE, CASTEAU BELGIUM
5050	- CAMBODIA
5051	- LONDON, UK
5053	- GEILENKIRCHEN (NATO)
5054	- CFS BERMUDA
5055	- HEIDELBERG, GERMANY
5056	- CFB BADEN, GERMANY

THE ADDRESS FOR ALL CFPOs IS:

POSTMASTER

CFPO _____

BELLEVILLE, ON K0K 3R0

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C.11	523	<u>11th Infantry Brigade HQ</u> 11th Ind. MG Coy (PL Fusiliers) Perth Regiment Cape Breton Highlanders Irish Regiment of Canada Westminster Regiment (Motor) 17th Field Regiment RCA 10th Field Sqn RCE 11th Infantry Brigade Coy RCASC 24th Field Ambulance RCAMC 11th Infantry Brigade Workshop RCEME
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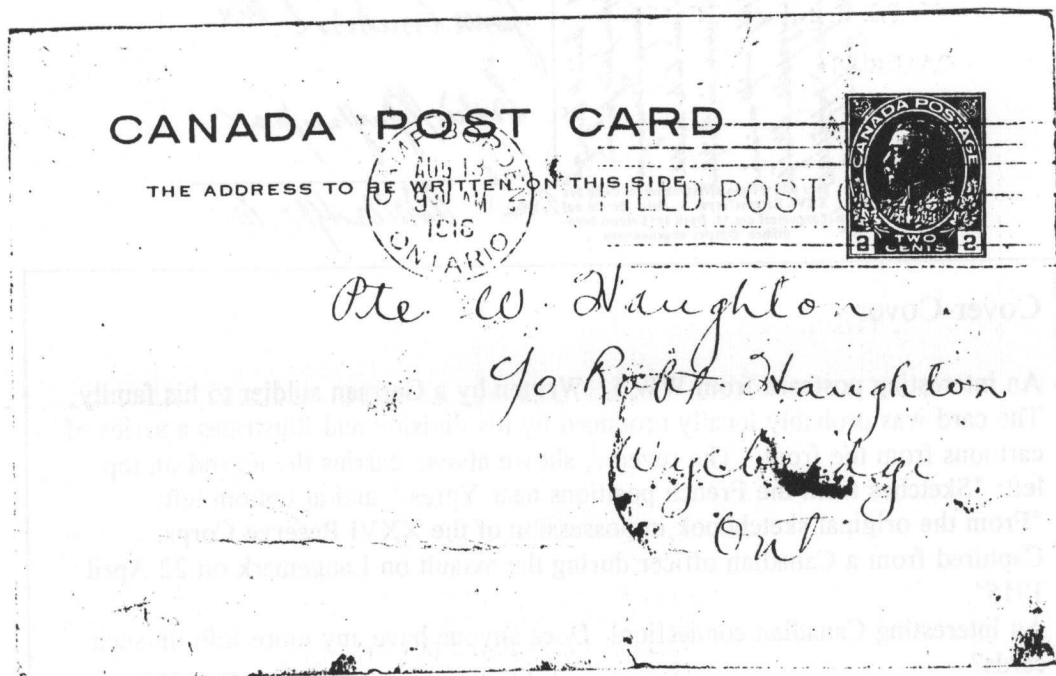
Here is a list of WW I Canadian hospitals, sent in by Colin J. Campbell

No. 1 General Hospital—1,040 beds, 37 officers, 73 nurses, 204 men, located at Etaples.
 No. 2 General Hospital—1,040 beds, 37 officers, 73 nurses, 204 men, located at Treport.
 No. 3 General Hospital—1,040 beds, 37 officers, 73 nurses, 204 men, located at Camiers.
 No. 4 General Hospital—1,040 beds, 37 officers, 73 nurses, 204 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 No. 1 Stationary Hospital—400 beds, 16 officers, 27 nurses, 122 men, located at Mediterranean.
 No. 2 Stationary Hospital—670 beds, 18 officers, 49 nurses, 119 men, located at Le Touquet.
 No. 3 Stationary Hospital—400 beds, 16 officers, 27 nurses, 122 men, located at Mediterranean.
 No. 4 Stationary Hospital—400 beds, 16 officers, 27 nurses, 122 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 No. 5 Stationary Hospital—400 beds, 16 officers, 27 nurses, 122 men, located at Mediterranean.
 No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station—200 beds, 8 officers, 7 nurses, 78 men, located at France.

No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station—200 beds, 8 officers, 78 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station—200 beds, 8 officers, 78 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 Moore Barracks Hospital—500 beds, 17 officers, 27 nurses, 122 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 Monks Horton Canadian Convalescent Hospital—900 beds, 6 officers, 111 men, located at Monks Horton.
 Bromley Canadian Convalescent Hospital—125 beds, 4 officers, 19 men, located at Bromley, Kent.
 Canadian Mobile Laboratory—3 officers, 3 men, located at France.
 Base Depot Medical Stores—2 officers, 7 men, located at Southampton.
 No. 1 Advanced Depot Medical Stores—1 officer, 6 men, located at France.
 No. 2 Advanced Depot Medical Stores—9 men, located at Shorncliffe.
 Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital—1,000 beds, 16 officers, 42 nurses, 144 men, located at Tablow, Bucks.

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Front of the Camp Borden 117th Battalion CEF card.



Small Ads

The Newsletter will accept small ads from members. One insertion of up to four lines for a Loonie! (For our overseas friends, that's a Canadian dollar) Send your ad with real money or mint (Canadian preferred) stamps.

TRADE: MILITARY History-hard cover-140 pages-SIXTH CANADIAN FIELD COMPANY (RCE) 1939-1945, for similar First World War.
J.C. Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, BC V1Z 1L6.

FOR SALE: CMMSG MILITARY MAIL ANTHOLOGY. Hard Cover - \$44.89 in Canada; US\$40.00 for USA and overseas; Soft Cover - \$32.05 in Canada; US\$30.00 for USA and overseas; Post Paid. Order from:
Robt. A. Lee, #203-1139 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5Y2.

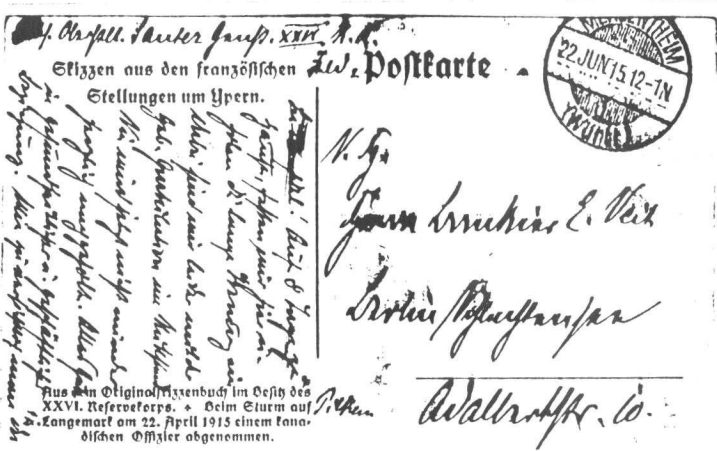
WANTED: Falklands Island invasion material (yes, Falkland Islands!). Please send photocopies/prices desired. Have material for trade (modern Canada/UK/USA).
Dean Mario, Box 342, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3.

CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS: Lost track of the number of responses to my C.F.C. ad. Thanks to all who replied! Covers, postcards still wanted, especially WW I.
Ken Ellison, R.R. # 1, Oyama, BC V0H 1W0.

Wanted: FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE Canadian covers. (See article in the N/L this time or next). even photocopies will do! By the way, I had about 8 replies to my Cdn Forestry Corps request in this medium. Ken V. Ellison, R.R. #1, Oyama, B.C., V0H 1W0.
NEWFOUNDLAND WANTED: Covers to and from Newfoundland servicemen, all periods. Civil and Military censorship covers concerning Nfld. also desired. Send photocopies, even if you do not want to trade the material.
Doug Hannan, 23 - 1950 Burtch Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 4B2.

THREE SHIP POSTCARDS WANTED, but photocopies in any case. CPR's *MONMOUTH* (built 1900); Donaldson's *LAKONIA* (built 1899); Atlantic Transport's *MANITOU* (built 1898). Any postcard will do, but prefer WW I period.
J. Colin Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, BC V1Z 1L6.

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Cover-Cover

An interesting postcard from WW I. Written by a German soldier to his family. The card was probably locally produced by his division and illustrates a series of cartoons from the front. The reverse, shown above, carries the legend on top left: "Sketches from the French positions near Ypres." and at bottom left: "From the original sketchbook in possession of the XXVI Reserve Corps. Captured from a Canadian officer during the assault on Langemark on 22 April 1915".
An interesting Canadian connection! Does anyone have any more info on such cards?