




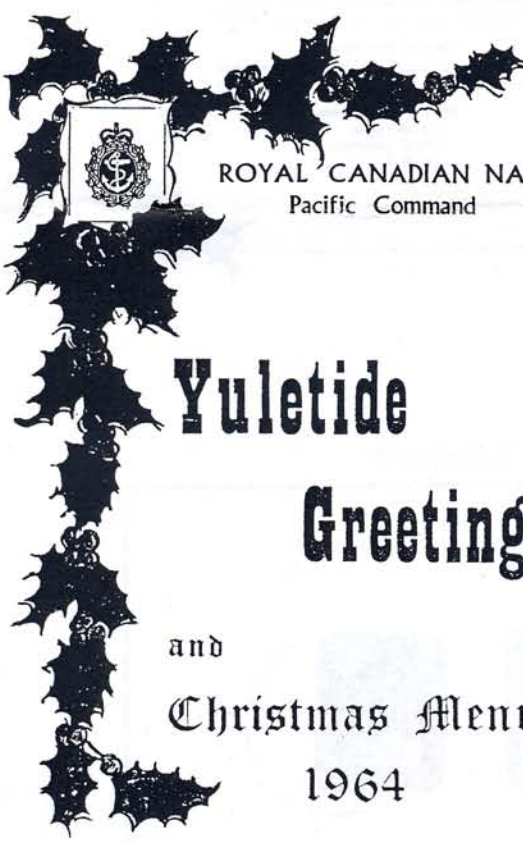
# Canadian Military Mail Study Group

## NEWSLETTER

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R.C.N. PACIFIC CHRISTMAS MENU, 1964--By John Burnett



ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY  
Pacific Command

**Yuletide  
Greetings**

and  
**Christmas Menu**  
1964

*Christmas  
Message  
1964*

FROM THE FLAG OFFICER  
PACIFIC COAST



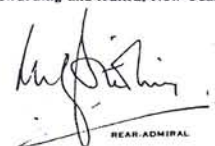
REAR ADMIRAL STIRLING

At Christmas time we in the Navy are accustomed to enjoying special and traditional customs. It is a time for special routines, special leave, and of course, a special dinner. Over the years this has developed into a grand feast which challenges the Supply Department for some months ahead. On the day itself the cooks in every ship and establishment extend themselves particularly to make it memorable. This Christmas is no exception and their efforts have been tremendous with splendid results. I would like to join with you in thanking them.

In this same spirit of thanksgiving, let us also consider the many other things for which we should be thankful. We have a good job, we are paid regularly, we eat well, we are amongst our friends and particularly we in the Royal Canadian Navy have a most important role to play in the preparation for the defence of our country should the need arise.

There are many who are less fortunate, and at this time of celebration we would do well to remember these and renew our resolve to continue to help others as we have in the past, for this is the true spirit of Christmas.

As Flag Officer Pacific Coast I am proud of my command and delighted to be able to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a rewarding and fruitful New Year.



REAR ADMIRAL

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
To All On Board!



Second Canadian Escort Squadron  
(Destroyer Escorts)

HMCS St. Croix	DDE-256
HMCS Fraser	DDE-233
HMCS Ottawa	DDE-229
HMCS Saskatchewan	DDE-262
HMCS Mackenzie	DDE-261
HMCS Qu'Appelle	DDE-264
HMCS Saguenay	DDE-206
HMCS Margaree	DDE-230

Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron  
(Ocean Escorts)

HMCS Sussexvale	DE-313
HMCS Ste. Therese	DE-309
HMCS Antigonish	DE-301
HMCS Beacon Hill	DE-303
HMCS New Glasgow	DE-315
HMCS Jonquiere	DE-318
HMCS Stettler	DE-311

Special Duty Units

HMCS Grise	(SS-71) Submarine
HMCS Oriole	(QW-3) Training Yacht

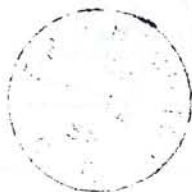
Shore Establishments

HMCS Naden  
HMCS Aldergrove  
HMCS Venture  
CSC Royal Roads  
VU-33



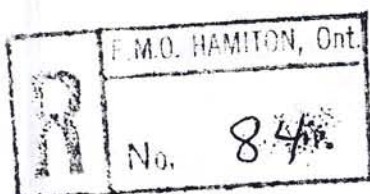
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F.M.O. HAMILTON ON 1957 REGISTERED--By Doug Lingard



REGISTERED

J. F. Wilsdon  
Box 458  
Hamilton, Ont.



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[Doug passed along the previous copy at BNAPEX in Edmonton. The F.M.O. registry marking is quite unusual. Doug noted that J.F. Wilsdon was a former BNAPS member and collector. The CDS is listed by Bailey & Toop's Canadian Military Postal Markings (Vol.I) on p.388 as Number: M14-82, but the registry rectangle is unlisted. Doug Sayles confirms that the marking has since been recorded.Ed.]

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### OPERATION JUNO/OVERLORD, 2004

[Operation Overlord began on the morning of June 6, 1944. Approximately 14,000 Canadians landed on Juno Beach, Normandy, France on D-Day. On June 5, 2004, France issued the stamp below to mark the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. In Courseulles-sur-mer, a pictorial cancellation was in use for two days showing an allied tank.Ed.]

**Normandie 60 Normandy**  
 Jour J, le 6 juin 2004 D-Day June 6, 2004

### 60th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

Operation Overlord called for the Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division to be the assault division on Juno Beach. The six-mile-long Juno Beach had been divided into two main sectors: Mike which ran westward from the sea-side French town of Courseulles-sur-mer and Nan, which ran eastward from the same town.



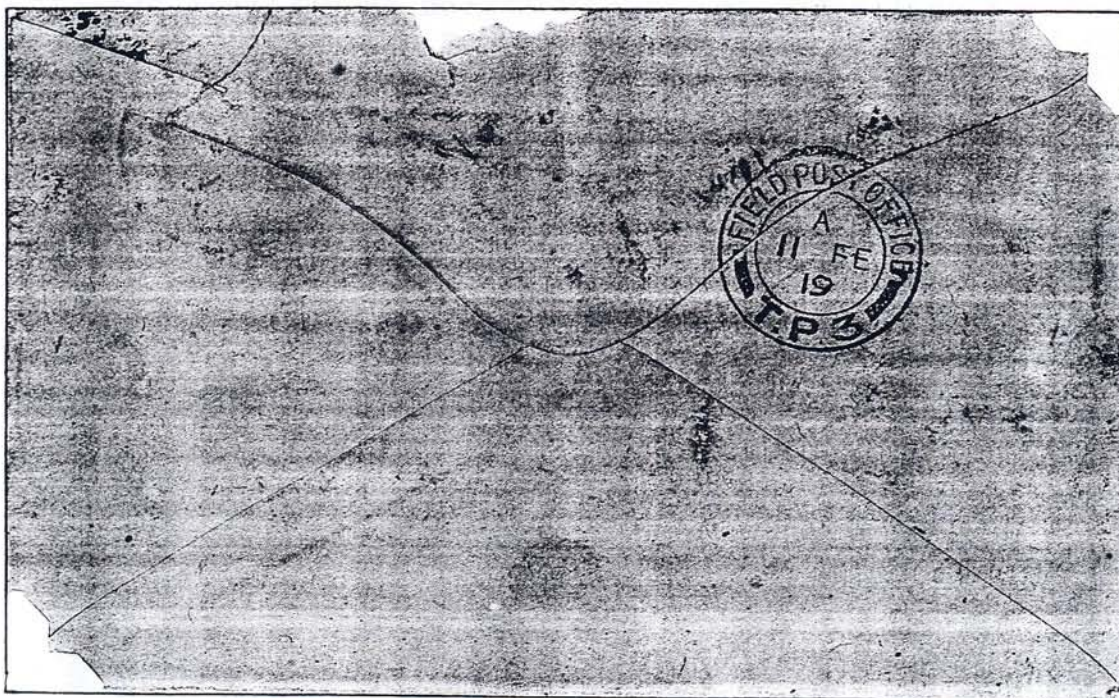
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### GREAT WAR SELECTION--By Colin Pomfret



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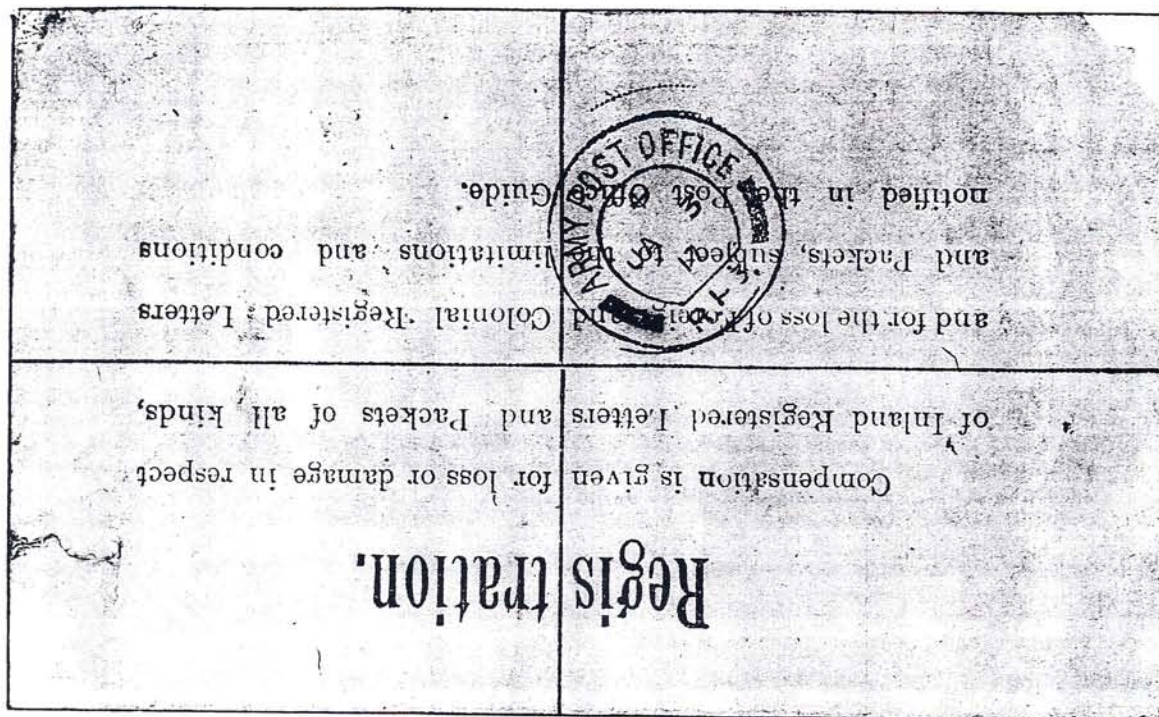
The preceding front/back cover are from Ixelles (Elsene) to a soldier with the Third Canadian Division Artillery. Because the Third Division was in England at this time, a postal unit remained in Belgium to re-direct incoming mail using FPO T.P.3.

These next two covers are Third Division Railhead related, both in second phase (1/10/16-31/1/17). The first has an APO R.X.3/19 NO/16 dater and the second bears an APO R.P.3 JA 3/17 postmark.

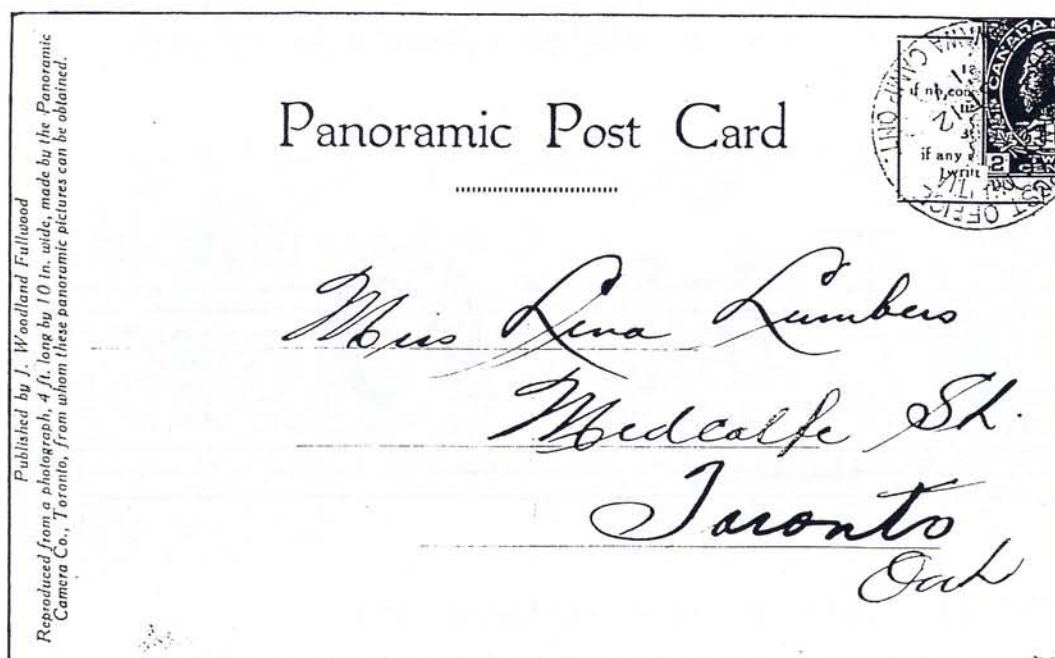


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This "Panoramic Post Card" was sent from Petawawa Camp, Ontario on September 12, 1917. Note the "Canadian Postal Corps/Petawawa Military Camp, Ont." marking.



## CANADIAN. POSTAL. CORPS

PETAWAWA MILITARY CAMP, ONT.

*Hello Dutch -*

*This is a view of  
the Camp I have been at  
all Summer. Some scenery  
in this part of Country.  
Expect to be back in  
Toronto by 1<sup>st</sup> of month  
will see you then. Edgar.*

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R.C.A.F. STATION MOOSE JAW, SASK. ROLLER

Here's a scarce impression of the roller device from the above R.C.A.F. station. It is not recorded in Bailey & Toop's Canadian Military Postal



Markings (Vol.II). It's enlarged for more detail.

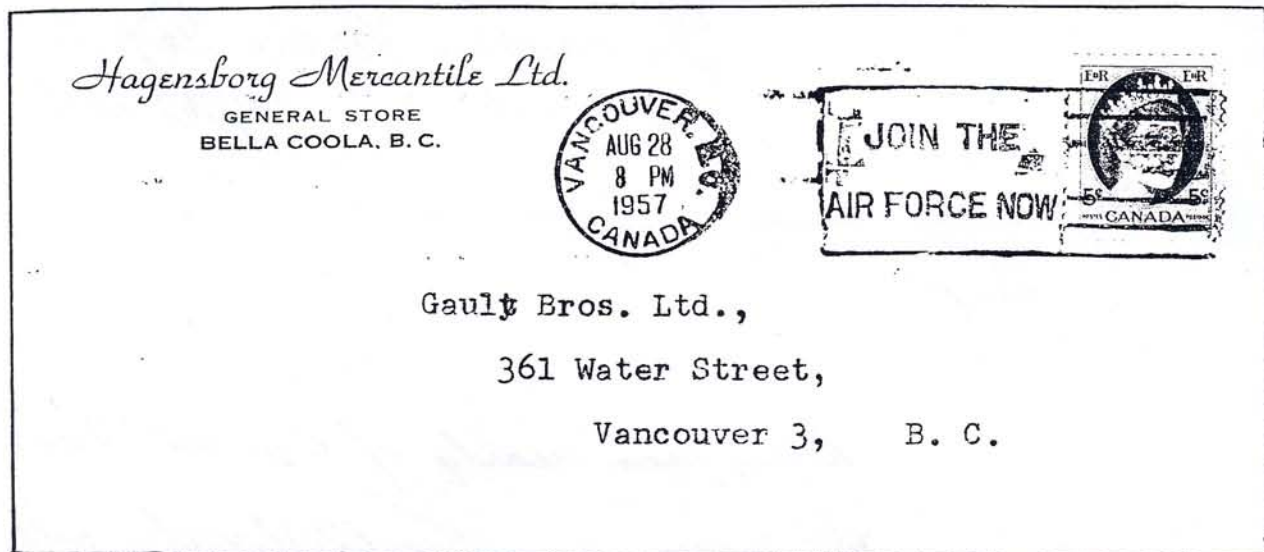
The date is obviously not apparent from the parcel clipping, but the 50¢ Textile Industry stamp (Scott/Unitrade #334) was issued on November 2, 1953 and the 2¢ Wilding (Scott/Unitrade #338) was issued on June 10, 1954.

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1957 VANCOUVER SLOGAN

Here's another air force-related item. Postal authorities assisted Canada's



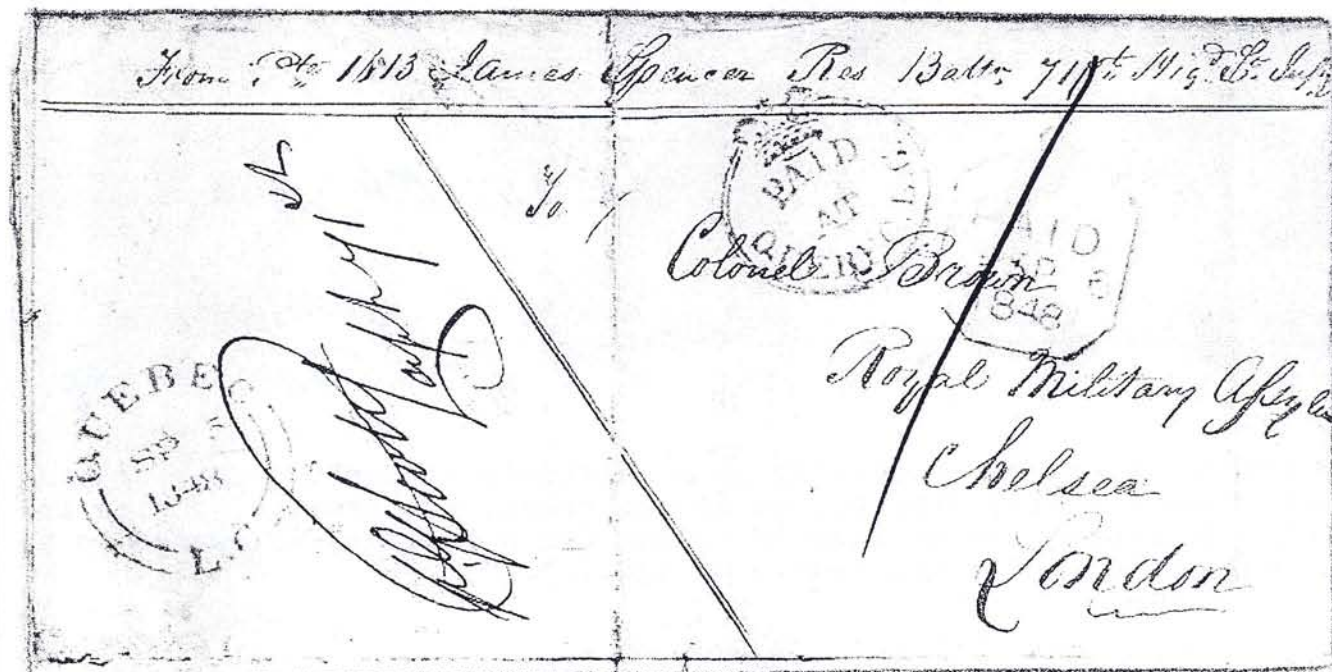
armed forces' recruitment efforts through the 1950's and 1960's.

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SOLDIER'S RATE, QUARANTINE STATION, GROSSE ISLE, 1848--By Mike Street

Here is a neat lot from an auction house in France. Lugdunum Philatelie, 12, Place Xavier Ricard, 69110 Sainte-Foy-Les-Lyon, France; tel. +33 (0) 4.72.16.00.23; email: lugdunum.philatelie@wanadoo.fr (,) sold this item in its Sale 54, Sept.26, 2005 (lot 355). The minimum bid was 800 Euro and it sold for 1092 Euro (or approx. \$1,550Cdn.).

The lot description noted: "DISINFECTED: 1848 PAID AT QUEBEC on cover from a soldier datelined 'QUARANTINE STATION, GROSSE ISLE, CANADA' to London.



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The letter had the 1d soldier's concession rate prepaid. Mail from the Quar-

Quarantine Station Grosse Ile  
Canada 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1848

Sir-

Being now nearly of age and desirous  
of obtaining the money as specified (together with  
the interest) in the <sup>copy of a</sup> prescribed Document you sent-  
to me I will be thankful to you if you would  
order the same to be paid forthwith.

I am

Sir-

Yr Mo<sup>st</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

James Spencer

P<sup>te</sup> Res. Barr<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

antine station is rare, especially as a soldier's letter". I doubt that the letter was actually disinfected as described, but everything else is valid. In the letter the soldier is asking for a military allowance to be paid to him as he is "...now nearly of age...".

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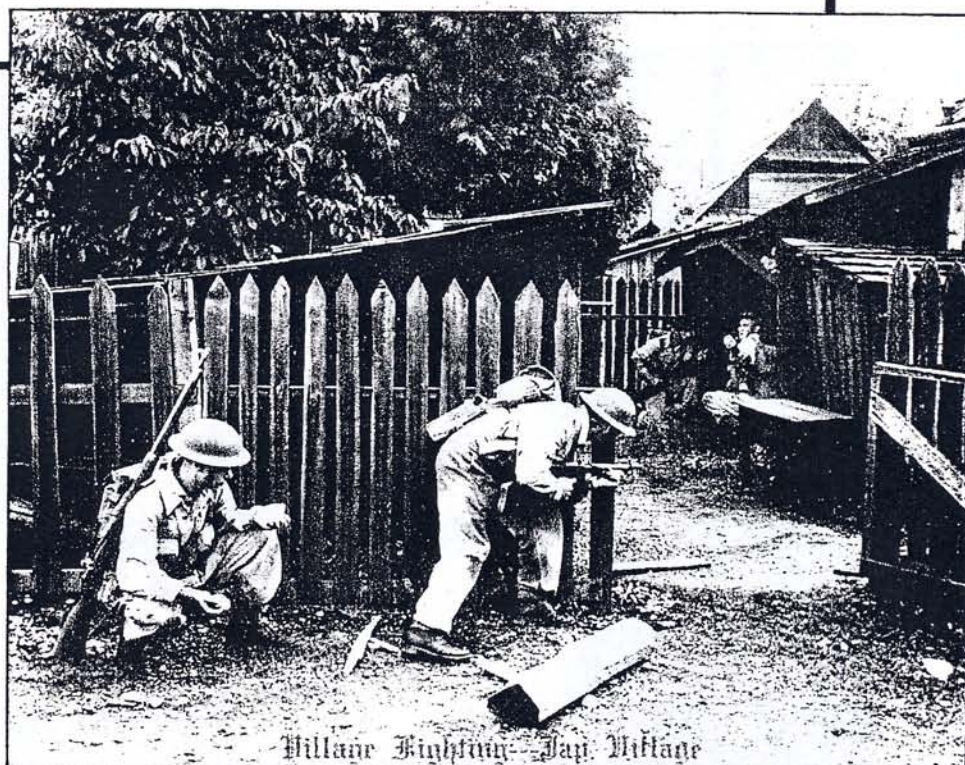
BATTLE DRILL TRAINING CENTRE, VERNON, BC--By Steve Luciuk

The Season's Greetings and all  
Good Wishes for the  
Coming Year

Vernon British Columbia



Vernon, B.C.



Millane Fighting Day Village

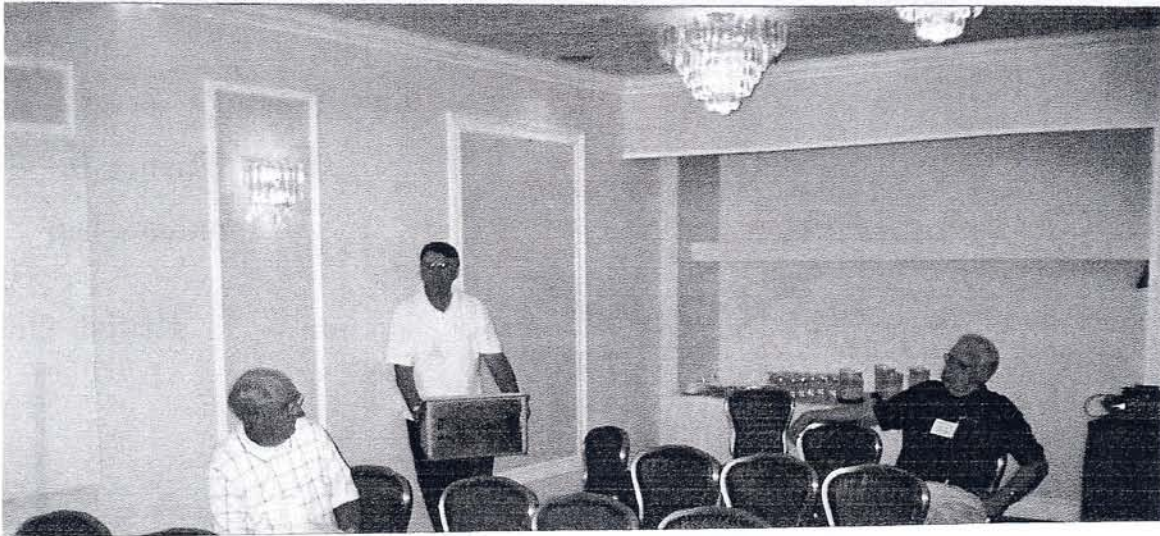
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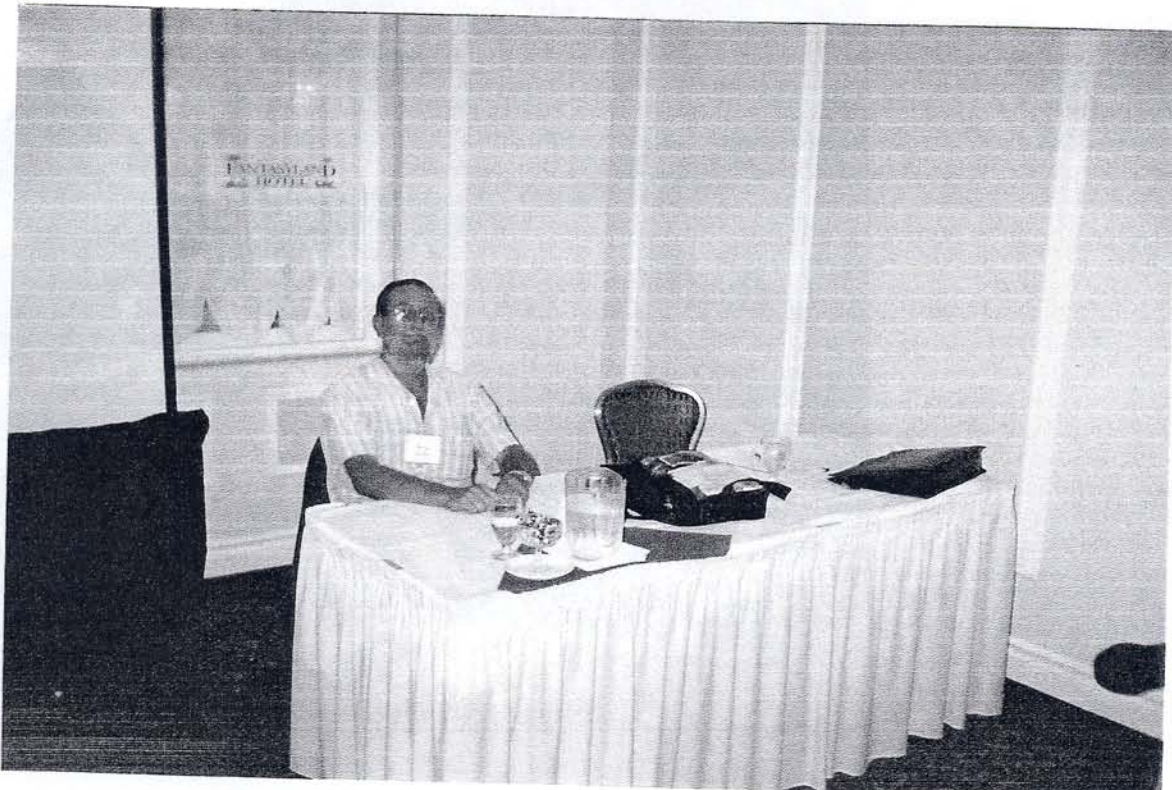
BNAPEX 2005 EDMONTON

Our study group meeting was attended by thirteen members and guests. Doug and I would again like to thank Steve Luciuk for his informative slide



presentation (above). It proved interesting and some discussion among attendees resulted afterwards. With Steve are Pete Gray (L) and Jerry Jarnick. Others seen were Ken Ellison, Ed Harris, Vic Willson, Mike Street, Mark Issacs. I'm sure that I may miss some people and offer my apologies.

Doug (below) chaired the meeting and the business-side of things proved worthwhile. Doug's update of the Bailey & Toop Canadian Postal Markings volumes is progressing well. An increase in dues was discussed with the possibility of a higher rate for successive years. The idea was adopted. A call to help organize a CMMMSG-related website within [www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org) was



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proposed and volunteers are invited. Please contact Doug Sayles at the address on the title page. Other discussions included a group project to seek information related to the periods of usage for MPO's/FPO's etc. Jon Johnson thought that a "members' projects" section in the newsletter might benefit all. He noted that some members are working on various items and topics and perhaps other members can assist them with information. A discussion followed about concerns related to fake material now out on the market. Members are cautioned to take care when purchasing material. Mike Street commented that there may be a few more military-related publications printed next year.

Members did very well with their exhibits and congratulations are extended to the following:

GOLD/NICKLE MILITARY AWARD: Pete Gray, "Canadian Internment Camps in WWII"

VERMEIL: Ken Ellison, "Japanese Internment in Canada, 1941-1946"

VERMEIL: Steven Luciuk, "Remembering the Korean War: 1950-1955"

SILVER/RICHARDSON RESEARCH AWARD: Susan Sheffield, "Inside Out: German Prisoner-of-War Camp 20, Gravenhurst"

SILVER-BRONZE: Steven Luciuk, "Military Conflict and Saskatchewan: North-West Uprising to the Cold War, 1885-1966"

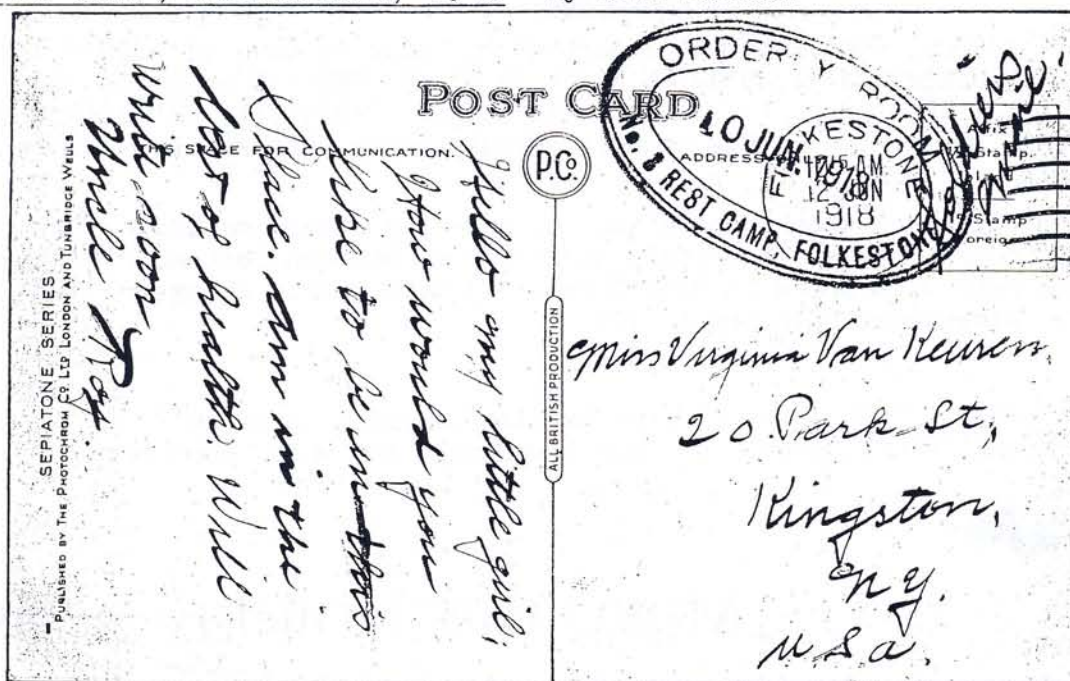
SILVER (ONE FRAME): Jon Johnson, "Mail From the South Africa Military Nursing Service (S.A.M.N.S.)"

It was a very good showing for military-related exhibits. Congratulations to member Bill Pawluk for his induction into the Order of the Beaver!

Next year's convention will be held in Sudbury, Ontario from August 31-September 3, 2006 at the Holiday Inn. Contact member John Frith, Box 286, Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0; (705) 682-0213; johnfrith.sudburystamps@sympatico.ca for more information.

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NO.8 REST CAMP, FOLKESTONE, 1918--By Jim Felton



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Dear CMMMSG Members:

Our last issue for this year and, although a bit early, Doug and I wish all members a very happy upcoming holiday season. The BNAPEX 2005 report and study group meeting notes are in a previous section. Again, congratulations are extended to those members exhibiting military-related material. It was also nice to see some familiar and not-so-familiar faces at the meeting. We hope that attendees enjoyed themselves in Edmonton.

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** A good deal of information related to new publications has come in. Chuck LaBlonde wrote to inform members of his new book, co-authored with Robin Startup, entitled The Postal History of World War II Mail Between New Zealand and Switzerland. Those interested in substantial P.O.W. and Red Cross material will be delighted. It's US\$20 pp. for USA and Canada; £15 overseas. Contact Chuck at 15091 Ridgefield Lane, Colorado Springs CO USA 80921-3554. Mike Street sent along a new book list from Vanwell Publishing, Box 2131, 1 Northrup Cresc., St. Catharines, ON L2R 7S2; 1-800-661-6136; sales@vanwell.com. A few titles include: A Blue Water Navy; Born Lucky!; Battlefields of the First World War; North Atlantic Run; Buck McNair: Spitfire Ace etc. All Canadian-related!

This will be in print before the annual VANPEX show takes place November 11-13. This year the theme will include the "Year of The Veteran" and the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. In recognition of our group's former Chairman and Treasurer, Lt.Col. W.J. (Bill) Bailey, organizers have honoured Bill with a special award for the show's "Best Military Exhibit". It will be an annual award. Bill was prominent in the Vancouver and Richmond, BC area and, of course, combined with his national and international work as an author and judge it's a fitting tribute. More details in the next issue.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of member Sid Bedwell on August 1, 2005. Sid was a long-time group member and an active collector. He'll be missed.

Please keep those articles, snippets, and comments coming! Contact Doug if you can help with the web page--it's a great way to contact other members and provide some information related to military mail. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Until January 2006, all the very best!

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#### SMALL ADS

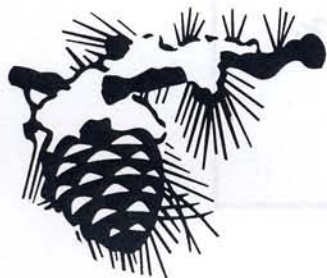
WANTED: WWII FPO covers. Condition not important but must be used during months of: FPO 434 or other 4 CIB usage: JA'42;JU'42;FE'44;MR'44;MY'45; FPO 435 or 5 CIB usage: OC'41; NO'41;OC'43;FE'44;JY'44;AP'45; FPO 436 or 6 CIB usage: AP'41;OC'41;FE'42;MY'42;OC'44; JA'45;MR'45;MY'45. Buy or trade. Kim Dodwell, Middle House, Cruckmeole, Hanwood, Shrewsbury SY5 8JN, U.K. (1/10)

WANTED: Canada Air Letters with postage paid by adhesive stamps mailed to Canadian Armed Forces personnel overseas (except Britain and Ireland) between September 1945 and December 1952. Please send with price to Mike Street, 73 Hatton Dr., Ancaster, ON L9G 2H5 or advise by email: mikestreet@hwcen.org (1/10)

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UPCOMING FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: Trans-Pacific Wartime Service; Canadian P.O.W. held by the Vichy French; recent CFPO's; some Great War treasures; and much, much more!

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Make this holiday season  
the brightest ever....