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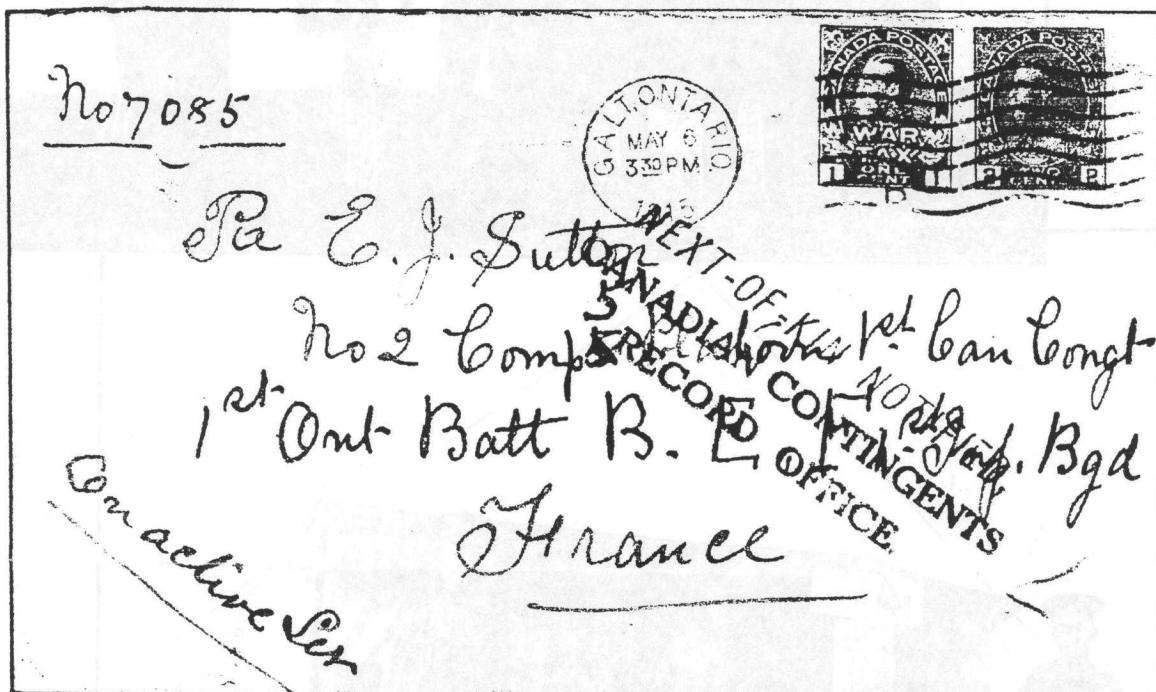
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1915 NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFIED AUXILIARY--By A.D. Hanes

Dave sent in the following cover with the three-line auxiliary marking in purple "NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFIED,/CANADIAN CONTINGENTS/RECORD OFFICE.". We've seen this particular marking before. Jim Felton, writing in Newsletter No.94 (May 1990, p.698), illustrated this instructional marking and noted that the office was located at Green Arbour House near Regents Park, London.



According to E.H. Wigney's The C.E.F. Roll of Honour (Ottawa: Eugene Ursual, 1996), Pte. Edwin James Sutton was killed-in-action on April 23, 1915 at the age of 19. His name is listed on

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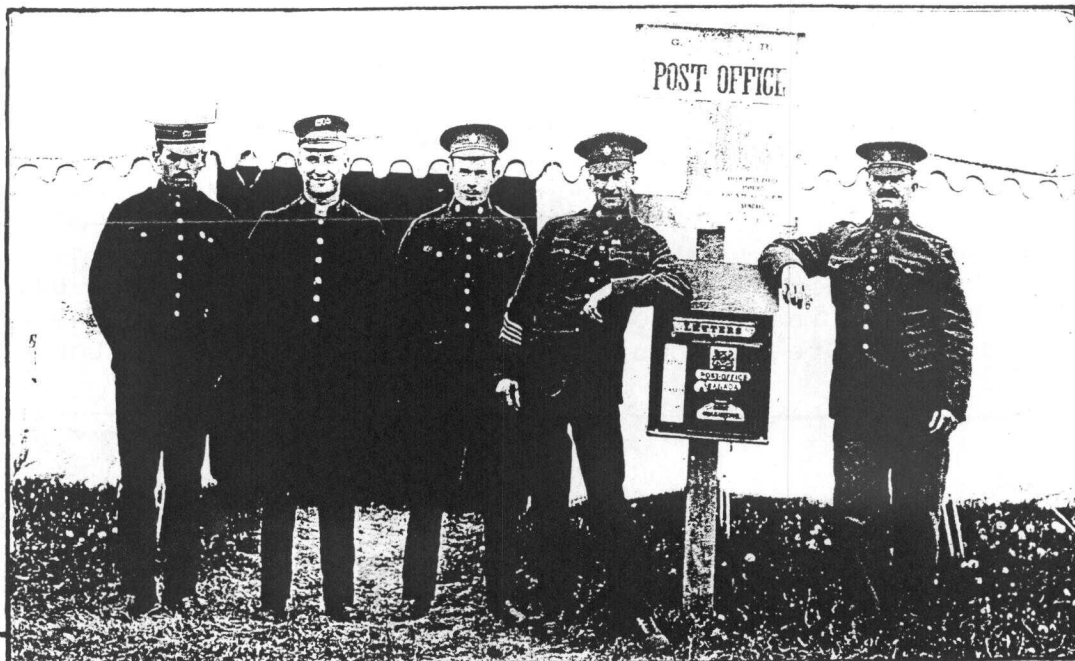
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the Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium. Jim noted that the Second Battle of Ypres was fought from April 22-24, 1915 and this is possibly where Private Sutton met his fate. Note the manuscript pencil "Killed in Action" at the top of the cover.Ed./

NIAGARA CAMP AND CAMP BORDEN'S POST OFFICES--GREAT WAR--By John M.H. Parkin

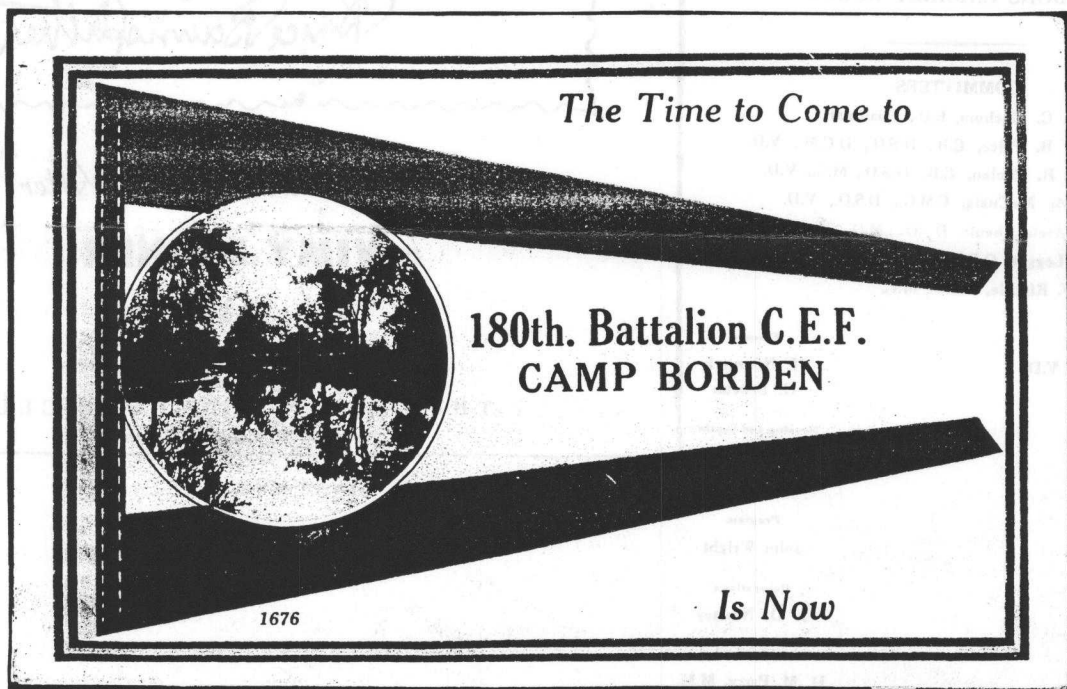
/John kindly sent along some items for members' interest. The first is an unused picture postcard showing the post office at Niagara Military Camp.



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The second illustration is a real photograph showing Col. George Ross (in centre) at the post office facilities at Camp Borden. He endorsed the photo on reverse "First field P.O. Camp Borden inspected by me/Ross". John also sent along a pennant-style recruitment publicity postcard in green and yellow from the 180th Battalion. Thank you John.Ed./

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VIMY PLUS THIRTY-THREE--By Ed Harris

/Members will know that the Battle of Vimy Ridge was fought from April 9-14, 1917 and this year is the ninetieth anniversary. More than 10,000 Canadian casualties (and over 3,500 killed) were listed in the "official" tallies. History records the battle as one of the greatest Canadian victories. Illustrated is a 1950 "Vimy Dinner" along with the menu and programme. It's reduced to 78%.Ed./

Menu

FRUIT CUP BERTHONVAL
 CELERY .. OLIVES .. NUTS
 ROAST BEEF VILLERS AUX BOIS
 BAKED POTATOES SOUCHEZ
 CARENCY GREEN PEAS
 APPLE PIE A LA MODE GOUY
 OR
 THELUS CHEESE
 COFFEE MONT ST. ELOY
 BONBONS CABARET ROUGE

COMMITTEES

Lt. Col. Geo. C. Machum, E.D., Chairman.
 Maj. Gen. C. B. Price, C.B., D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D.
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 Lt. Col. W. Leggat, O.B.E., M.C.
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Tickets

Lt. Col. W. H. Scott, M.C., V.D.
 W. Carpenter
 E. W. Baker

Publicity

D. W. Smith

Entertainment

Art Goodier
 Alan Murray

Special Guests

A. W. Heron
 H. Chapman

Finance

H. Newmark
 G. Lebrun

Messing and Seating

L. Armstrong
 T. Ritchie

Program

John Wright

Decorations

J. D. Neafsey

Ceremonial

H. M. Parry, M.M.



"Thirty-Three Years After"

VIMY DINNER

8th April, 1950

Sponsored by

THE LEGION LUNCHEON CLUB

Comrade W. Carpenter, President

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Program

Grace — Rev. H. K. Ashdown

Toast — "The KING"

Toast — "Fallen Comrades"

ACT of REMEMBRANCE

Introduction of Guests by Chairman

Remarks by Chairman

"Roll Call"

Guest Speaker

COL. THE REV. W. T. R. FLEMINGTON,

O.B.E., M.A., B.P.AED., D.D., F.R.S.A., E.D.

SENIOR PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN,

CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Introduced by Geo. C. Machum

Thanked by Hubert Chapman

ENTERTAINMENT

"A MUSICAL HOUR"

Under the direction of the Entertainment Committee

Art Goodier, Chairman and Accompanist

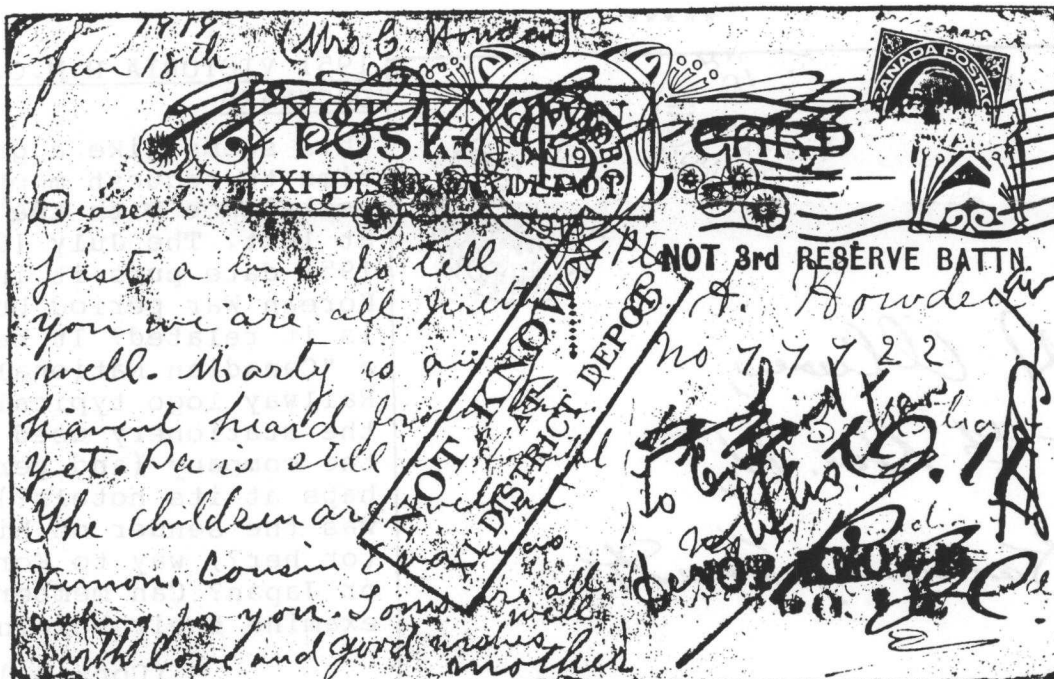
Alan Murray, Stage Director

Armitage M. Layton, Assistant Stage Director

"NOT KNOWN AT XI DISTRICT DEPOT"—By J.C. Campbell

The following postcard, addressed to Pte. C.A. Howden, No.77722, 15th Battalion (Reserve), C.E.F., No.? Canadian Hospital, England, illustrates some interesting auxiliary markings.

Pte. Howden's first unit was the 30th B.C. Horse. He was then with the 102nd Battalion and later the 30th Battalion, C.E.F. (with whom he went to



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England). He went to France May 3, 1915; remaining there until January 9, 1919 when he returned to England.

Howden returned to Canada March 19, 1919 and was discharged in Revelstoke, B.C. April 2, 1919. He was awarded the Mons and Victory medals. During his service he was associated with the 15th Reserve Battalion and the 12th Reserve Battalion. The 15th provided reinforcements for the First Division.

The reverse of the postcard shows a double-ring F.P.O. 3.P cancel dated February 14, 1919 (1st Div., 3rd Brigade) while the front shows the straightline "NOT KNOWN CFPO (2E)" (likely at Aldershot)/similar to Bailey & Toop's #M6-25 with "7E" instead. Ed./The rectangular marking in magenta refers to the "XI District Depot" in Vancouver (?). Military District H.Q. was at Victoria, B.C. Pte. Howden, it would seem, did not receive the postcard.



H.M.C.S. SIOUX RE-VISITED--By W.G. Robinson

"I was very interested in the cover from H.M.C.S. Sioux shown on p.904 of the last newsletter (NL#178, Jan.2007). In a survey of six of the larger Royal Canadian Navy censorship marks made in the early 1990's, two examples of No.824 were reported (one by me)...The conclusion at the time was that this stamp had been found at Esquimalt, and pressed into service aboard Sioux during the early part of the Korean War. Wilf Whitehouse was the moving force and recorder behind this survey, and neither then or until now has there been any doubt reported as to the authenticity.

I believe that both examples reported were cancelled at the Victoria Dockyard, possibly when Sioux mail was forwarded to Canada. Interestingly, there were no other reports of numbers between 809 and 832 inclusive in that survey--so was that block of numbers ever actually placed in use during the Second World War or later?"

1951 VICTORIA H.M.C. DOCKYARD

This seems like a good time to request members' assistance with the item at left. The July 10, 1951 date puts it in the Korean War period but is it related? It bears a "Canadian National" Railway logo typical of the stationery used by the company (and perhaps at its hotels?) so was the sender on his (or her?) way to Korea or Japan? Can members examine their holdings

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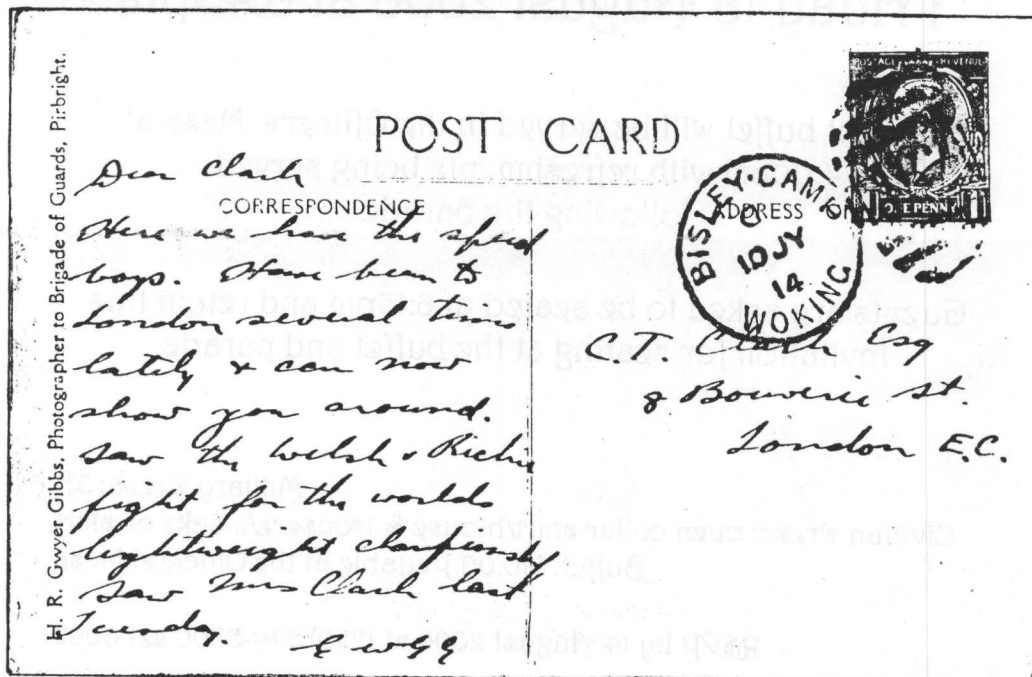
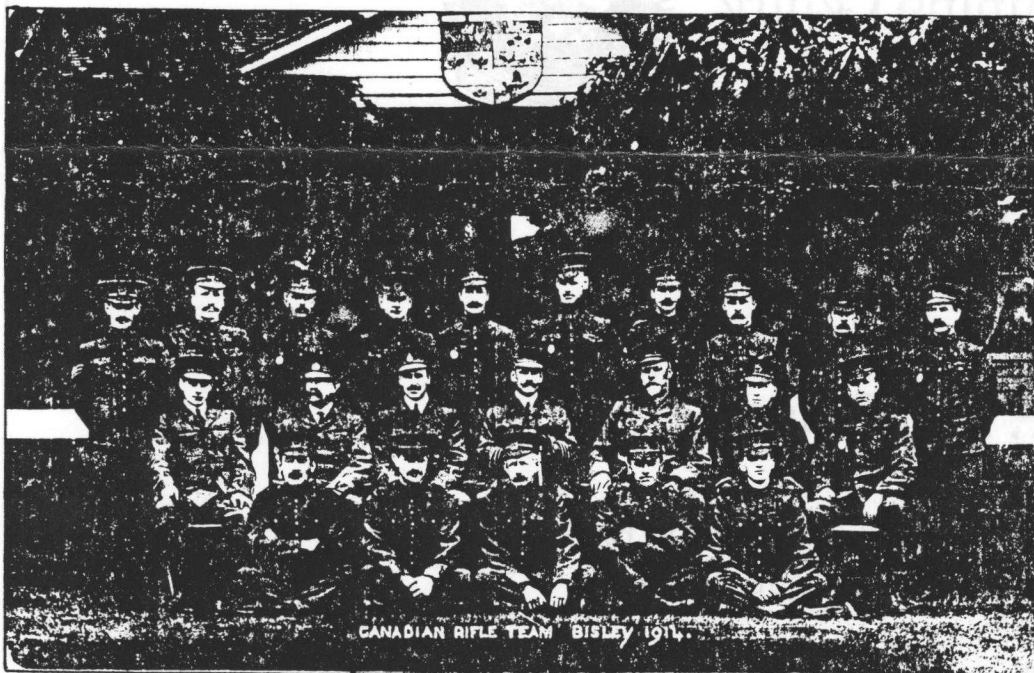


*Miss R. Oliver,
550-5th Ave. N.,
Saskatoon, Sask.*

to possibly identify the sender? Any help with some clues would be most appreciated! Details to the Editor please.

CANADIAN BISLEY RIFLE TEAM, 1914--By Colin Pomfret

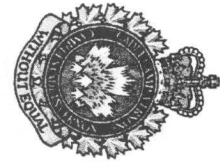
/Colin sent in the following which, as members know, is connected with the famous shooting competition at Bisley. The duplex from Bisley Camp is "J62". Colin notes that the writer of the card "C.W.G.G." is Lt. Colin W.G. Gibson, 13th Regiment, Hamilton, who was Adjutant of the Canadian team at Bisley in 1914. At the outbreak of the Great War he was commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers.Ed./



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VERNON MILITARY CAMP, 2006--By Ken Ellison

/Ken sent in the following invitation and cover from the "new" Vernon Camp. Members will recall the previous articles in NL#175 (May 2006, pp.865-867). I don't know if the red printing on



Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre



The Commanding Officer, Officer's, NCM's & Cadets of the
Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre
request the pleasure of the company of

Mr. Ken Ellison

At the Final Parade & Sunset Ceremony to be held on
Dieppe Parade Square

Friday 18 August 2006 at 6:45pm

A light buffet will be served in the Officers' Mess at
4:00pm with refreshments being served
following the parade

Guests are asked to be seated at 6:15pm and retain this
invitation for seating at the buffet and parade

Military Dress: 3B

Civilian Dress: open collar shirt/blouse & trousers/slacks or skirt

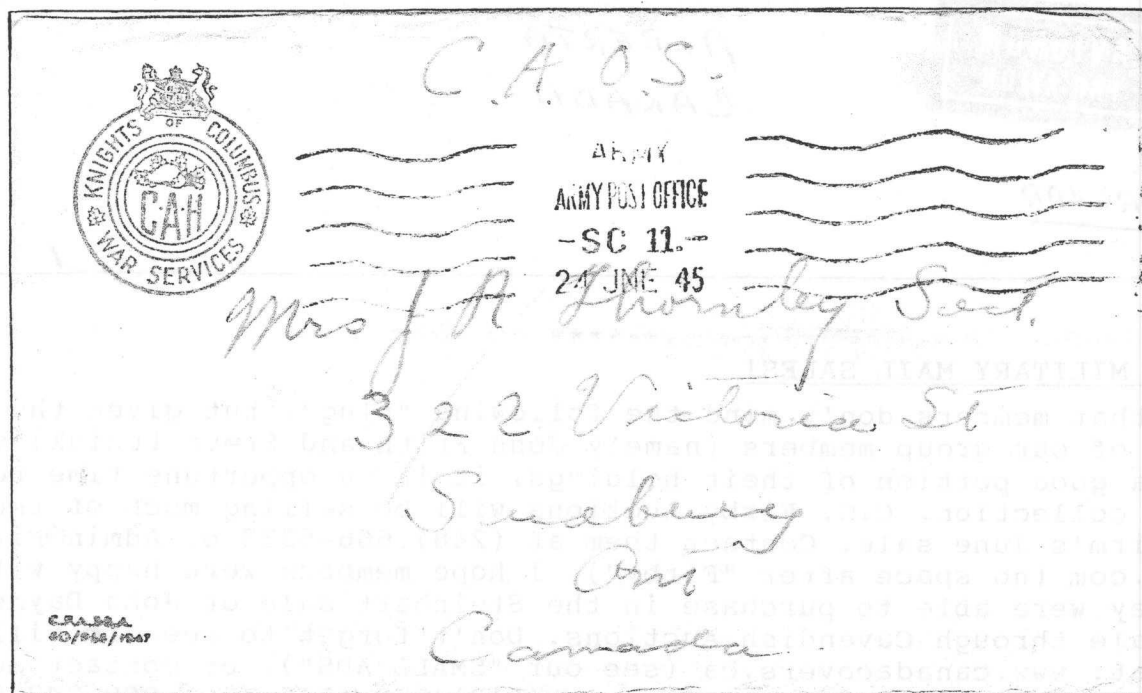
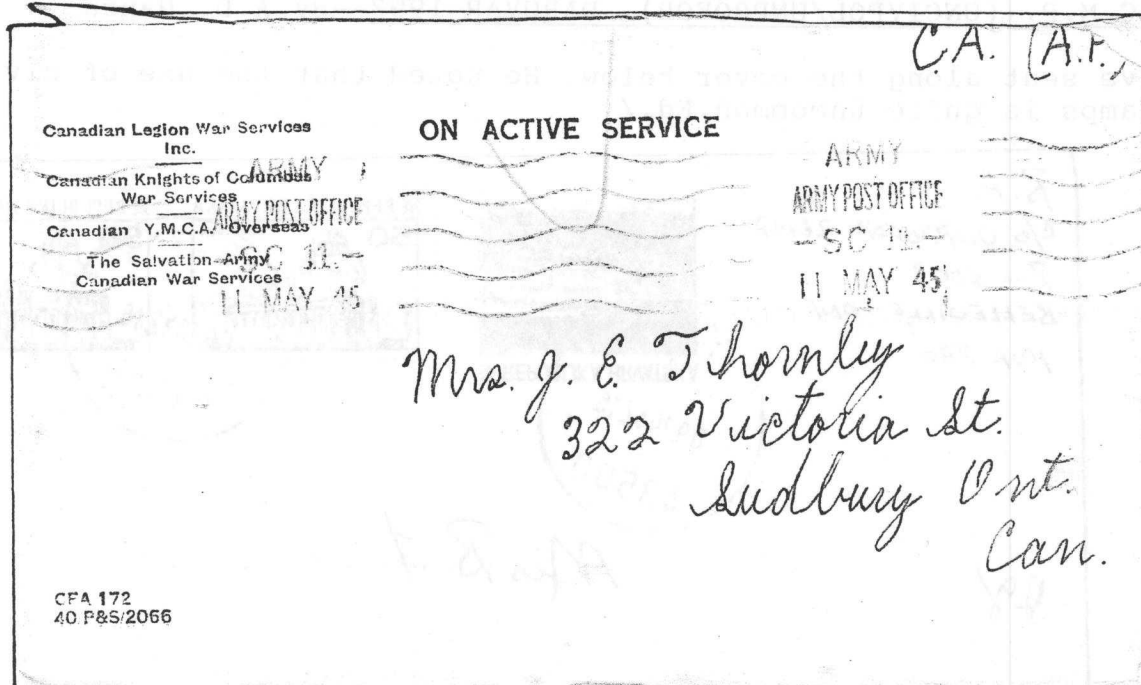
Buffet: \$10.00 Payable at the Officers' Mess

RSVP by 14 August 2006 at (250) 549-5800 ext 6002

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the meter used will reproduce but the printing indicates "Vernon Military Camp/PO Box 907, Bldg C-10/Vernon, B.C. V1T 6M8" with a .51¢ postage imprint. The multi-coloured cachet states "Cadet Camp Vernon/Camp Des Cadets Vernon/Without Equal".Ed./

NEW LRD FOR "ARMY/ARMY POST OFFICE/--SC 11.--"



Members may be interested in the above two extensions of Bailey & Toop/

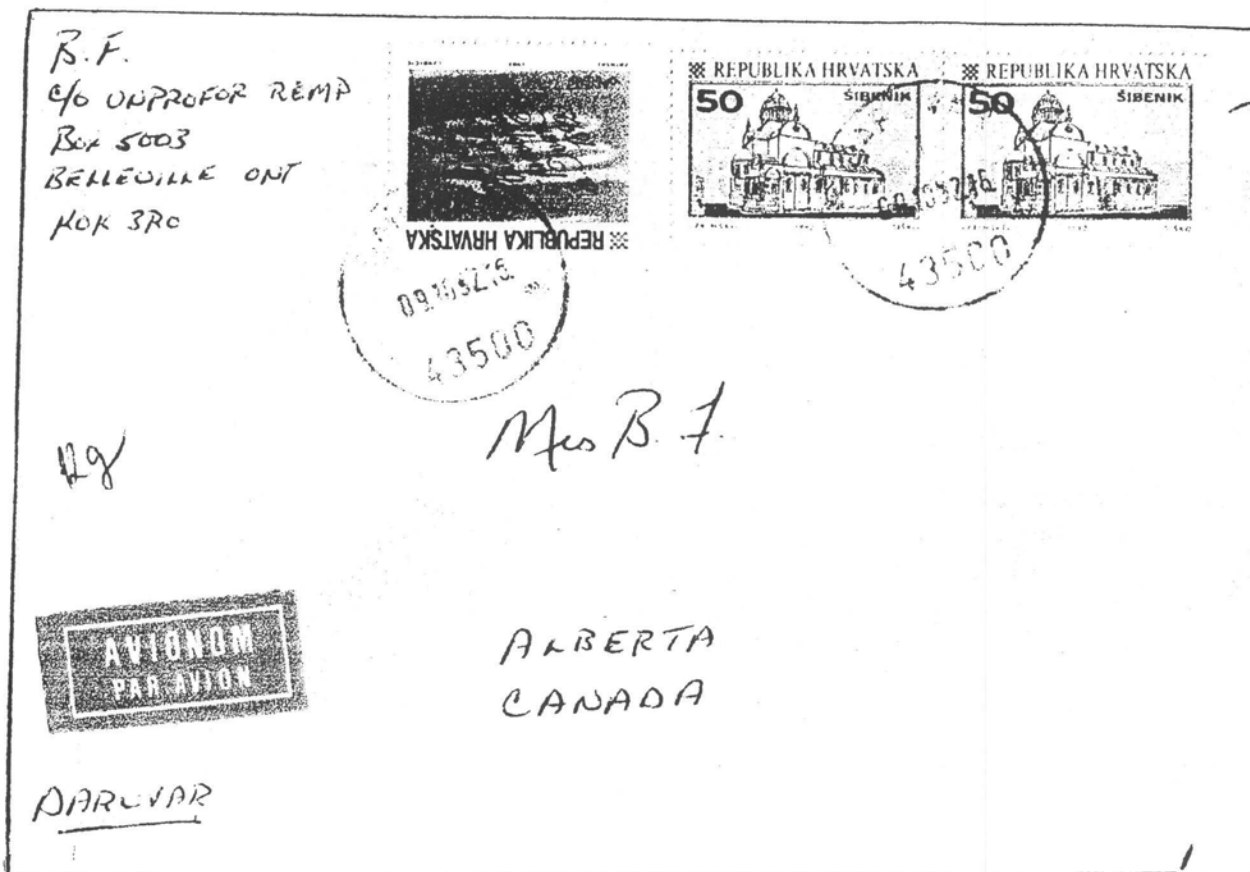
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Proud's Stationary/Static A.P.O. 11 which has been previously noted as May 8, 1945 (Canadian Military Posts, Vol.II, 1985, p.247). I was searching for something unrelated and came upon the first example of May 11, 1945. A later example of June 24, 1945 was found minutes later! This is #M15-70 in B&T's 1996 Canadian Military Postal Markings, Vol.II, p.452.

R.C.M.P. (UNCIVPOL/UNPROFOR), DARUVAR 1992--By A.D. Hanes

/Dave sent along the cover below. He noted that the use of civilian postage stamps is quite uncommon.Ed./



UPCOMING MILITARY MAIL SALES!

/I hope that members don't mind the following "plug", but given the fact that two of our group members (namely John Frith and Steve Luciuk) will be selling a good portion of their holdings, it is an opportune time to add to one's collection. C.G. Firby Auctions will be selling much of the above in the firm's June sale. Contact them at (248) 666-5333 or Admin@Firby auctions.com (no space after "Firby"). I hope members were happy with anything they were able to purchase in the Steinhart sale or John Daynes' recent sale through Cavendish Auctions. Don't forget to see Jim Miller's website at: www.canadacovers.ca (see our "SMALL ADS"), or contact member R.F. Narbonne, Greenwood Stamp Co., at (613) 278-1555 or 1-800-247-5619 (Canada only) because he usually has some very good "military"! Another

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good source for military postal historians is member H. Kellett. Contact Hal at: hkstampsandcovers@shaw.ca (.) No, I don't get any commissions but offer the information as a service to members!Ed./

NO.7 OBSERVERS' SCHOOL, BATH, NOVEMBER 24, 1918--By Colin Pomfret



to Flight.
No. 6 Squadron.

No. 7, OBSERVERS' SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS,

Bath. 24/11/18

Dear Harry -

Many thanks for your most welcomed letter of Oct. 16th

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/Colin sent in the amazing cover and letter illustrated previously. It is from a Canadian cadet who completed his Observers' course. Part of the interesting letter reads:

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Here is our second issue for 2007. Members may find a blue notice enclosed and if so, attention is drawn that this will be the final newsletter unless your dues are received. We hope everyone decides to remain with us! Some members have been under the weather and we wish them all of the best.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of GEORGE DOUGLAS, Vernon, BC and condolences have been sent to his family.

Please note the updated information about upcoming military postal history at auction and in dealers' stocks! Members' new additions are solicited for these pages. Please send me your write-ups, fillers, articles etc.

Our new BNA Topics Editor, and our Chairman/Treasurer, Doug Sayles, informs us that he needs military articles too! A new "Military Matters" column will be introduced in upcoming journals so please keep him (and me) supplied with material! Thank you very much.

SMALL ADS

WANTED: WWII FPO covers. Condition not important but must be used before May 6, 1945. A-600 censors (crown over shield type) include #'s: 1278;1289;1291;3038;3991;5156;6278;6889;7588;7976;7979;8038;8614;8899;9165;9204;10723;10731;10733;10742-43;10745-46;10751;10753-56;10759;10764;10768;10772;10780;10783-84;10786;10798;10800;11357;11793-94;11810;11816-20;11830;11837-40;11844;11847;11849-50;11856;11858;11860;11867-69;11997;12714;13238-39;14455;14462;14604;14630;14665;14670;14828;15196. K. Dodwell, Middle House, Cruckmeole, Hanwood, Shrewsbury SY5 8JN, U.K. (8/10)

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@hwc.org (8/10)

FOR SALE: Big Military Section on our website: www.canadacovers.ca (5/9)

WANTED: WWI Newfoundland Regiment cards and covers! Newfoundlanders in the Royal Navy; home front; and civil censored items too. Very good prices paid. Photocopies and prices to D. Mario, Box 342, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3 (2/2)

REMEMBER.....YOUR EDITOR NEEDS ARTICLES!