



# Canadian Military Mail Study Group

## NEWSLETTER

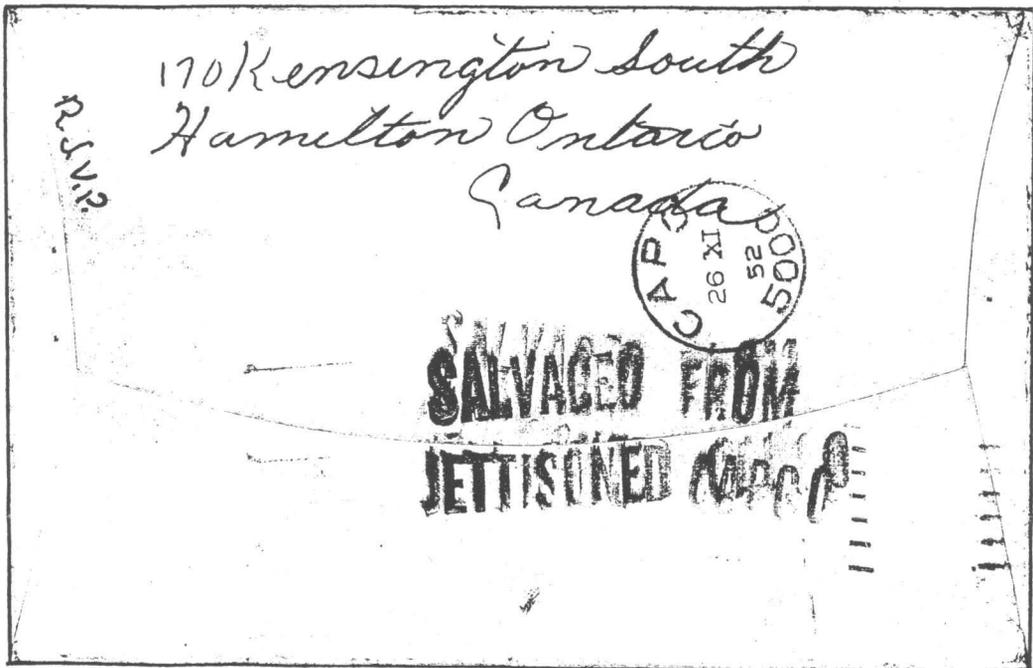
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"SALVAGED FROM/JETTISONED CARGO" 1952--By  
Steven Luciuk

Two aspects of this cover are noteworthy. Firstly, it was sent to a soldier serving in the Korean Theatre. Almost all of the surviving Canadian Forces mail from this war are from personnel in Korea or Japan.



The letter paid the domestic four-cents surface rate, and was processed through the Base Post Office in Vancouver. Initially, the cover was addressed to a member of the Royal Canadian Signals with 25 Signals added in pencil. 25 CRG (Canadian Reinforcement

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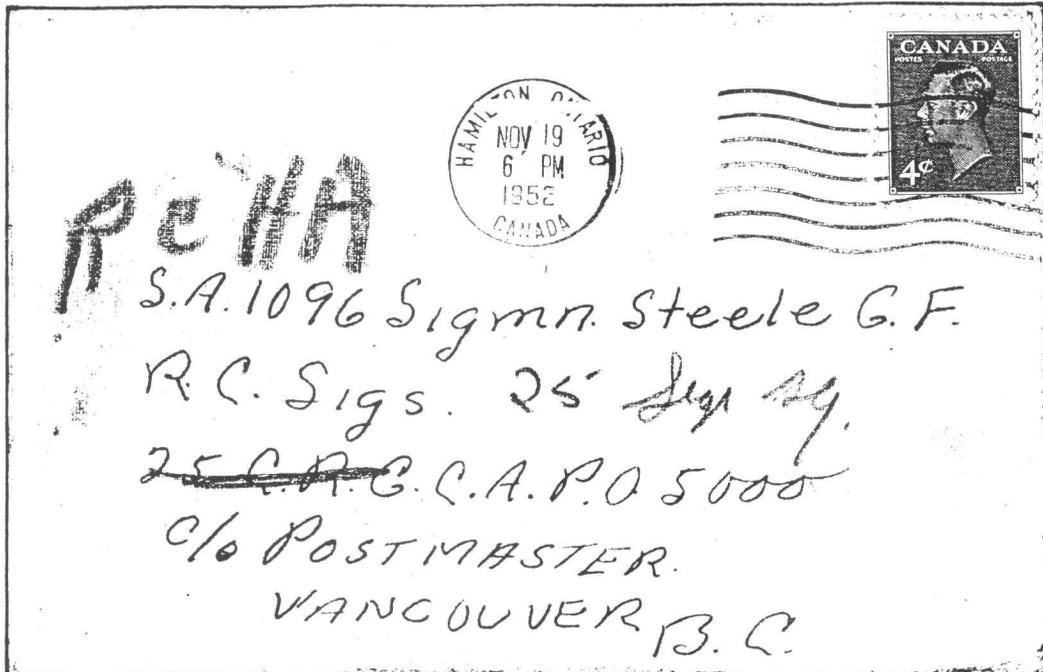
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Group) was crossed out and RCHA (Royal Canadian Horse Artillery) was added in black pencil crayon. The cover was mailed in Hamilton on November 19, 1952, and was given a CAPO 5000 transit handstamp in Kure, Japan on November 26. The period between the two dates is right.



The second interesting feature of this cover is the intriguing, poorly-struck purple handstamp on the back. What were the circumstances behind the "SALVAGED FROM/JETTISONED CARGO" marking? Could it be a fake? I don't think so. Likely, it relates to a delivery problem between Japan and Korea.

I would appreciate any assistance with trying to trace this marking. Please send any information to our military newsletter editor. Thank you. [Any information from members would be greatly appreciated. I do not know of any domestic problems which may have occurred between Hamilton and Vancouver, so presumably the marking (if not spurious) is a "foreign usage" in Theatre. I'll forward a copy to the Editor of the Crash and Wreck Mail Society for their possible input.Ed.]

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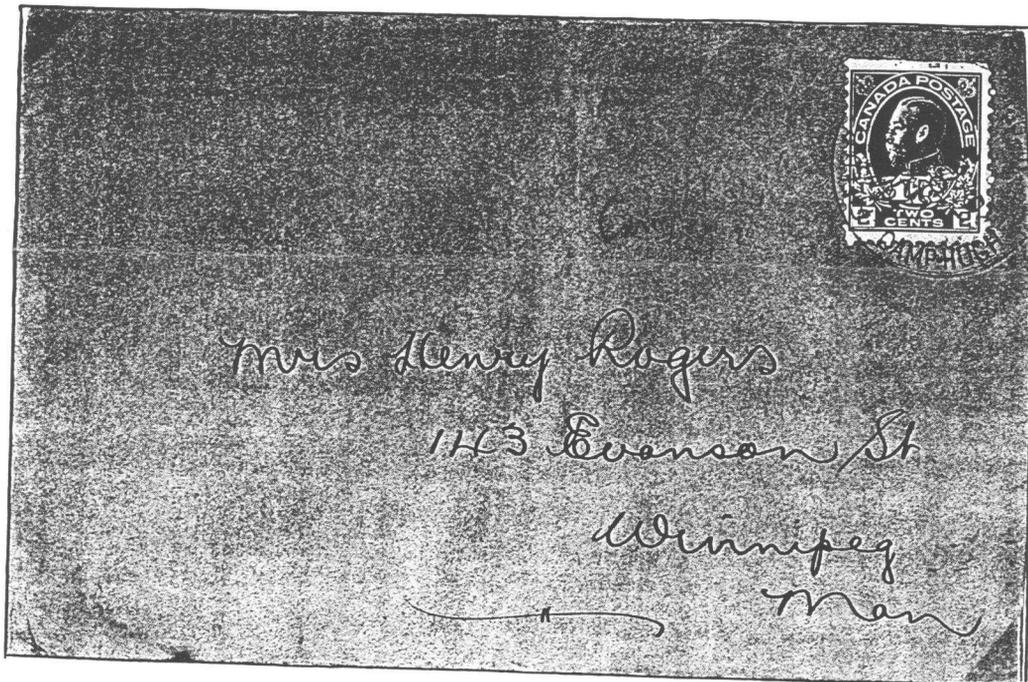
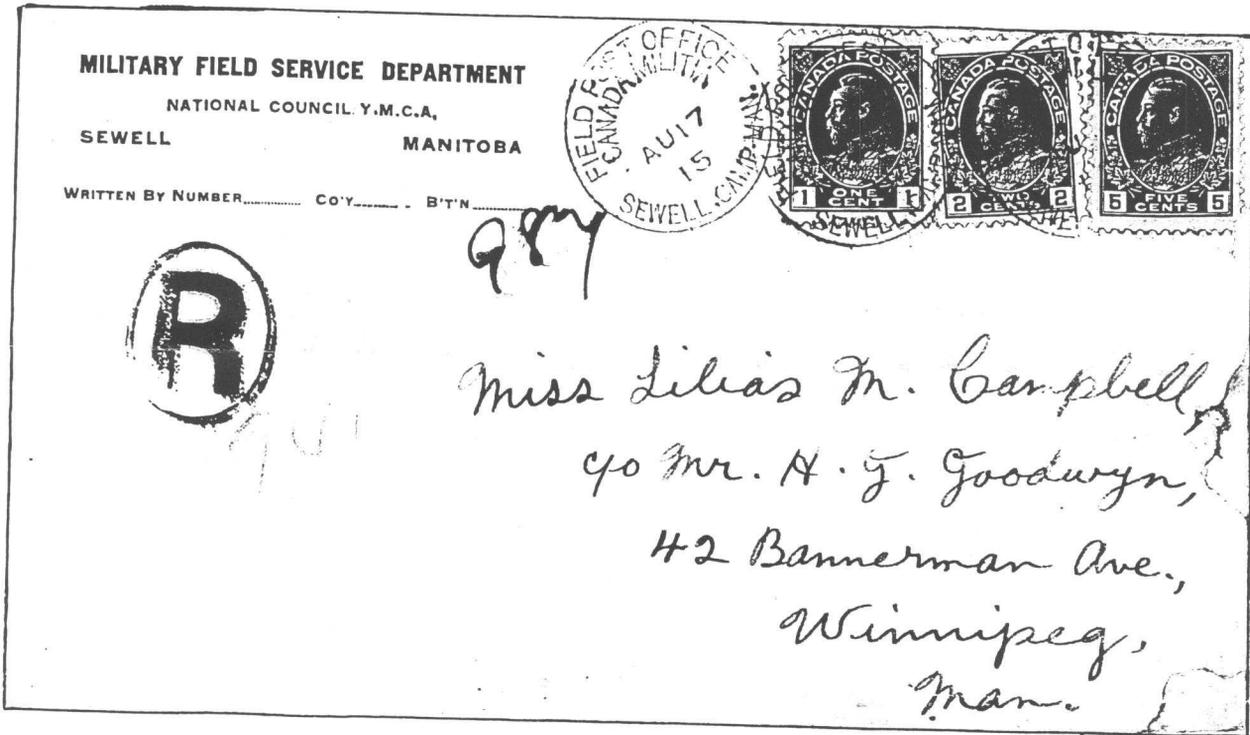
CANADIAN MILITIA CAMPS: SEWELL; HUGHES; AND LONDON--By

Colin Pomfret

[Colin sent along the following Field Post Office covers from the Great War period upto 1921. The August 17, 1915 cover is the only recorded example of the second Sewell Camp hammer\*. The camp was

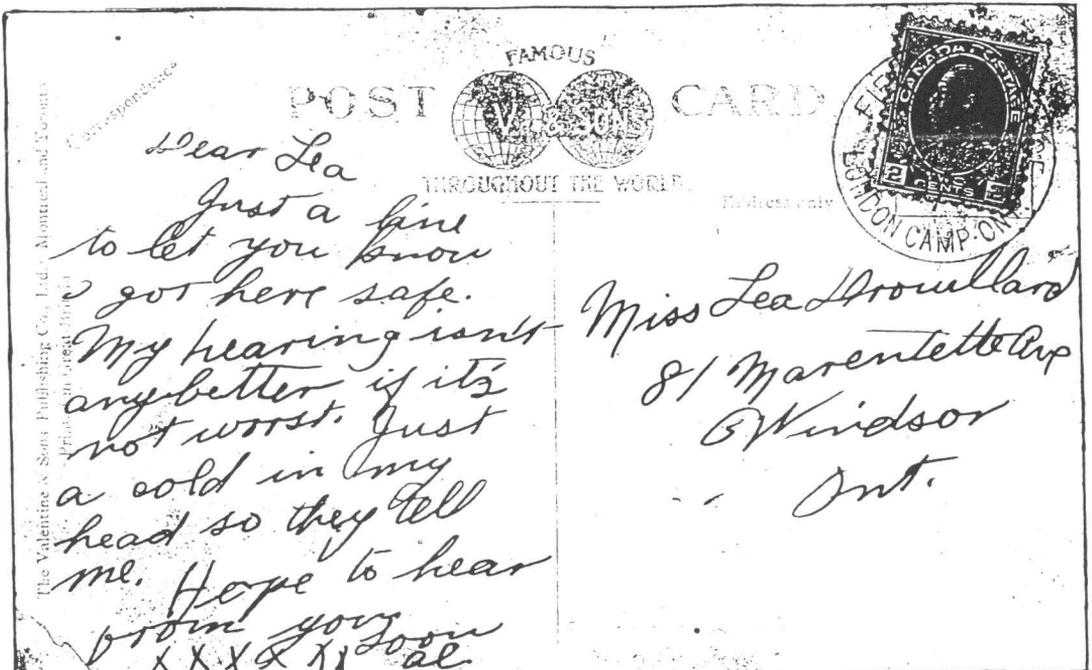
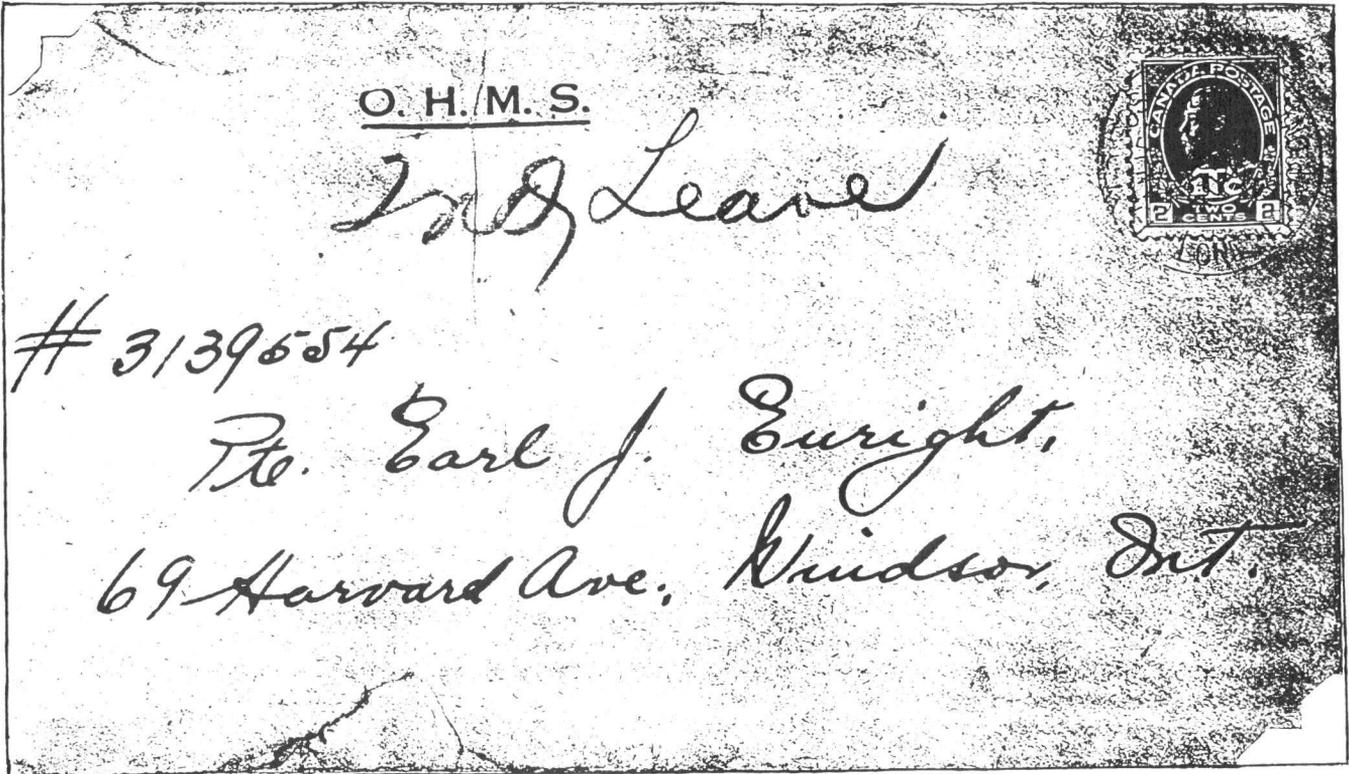
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renamed Camp Hughes late in 1915. The next cover, dated July 30, 1916, is one of two examples recorded of the second Camp Hughes hammer\*.



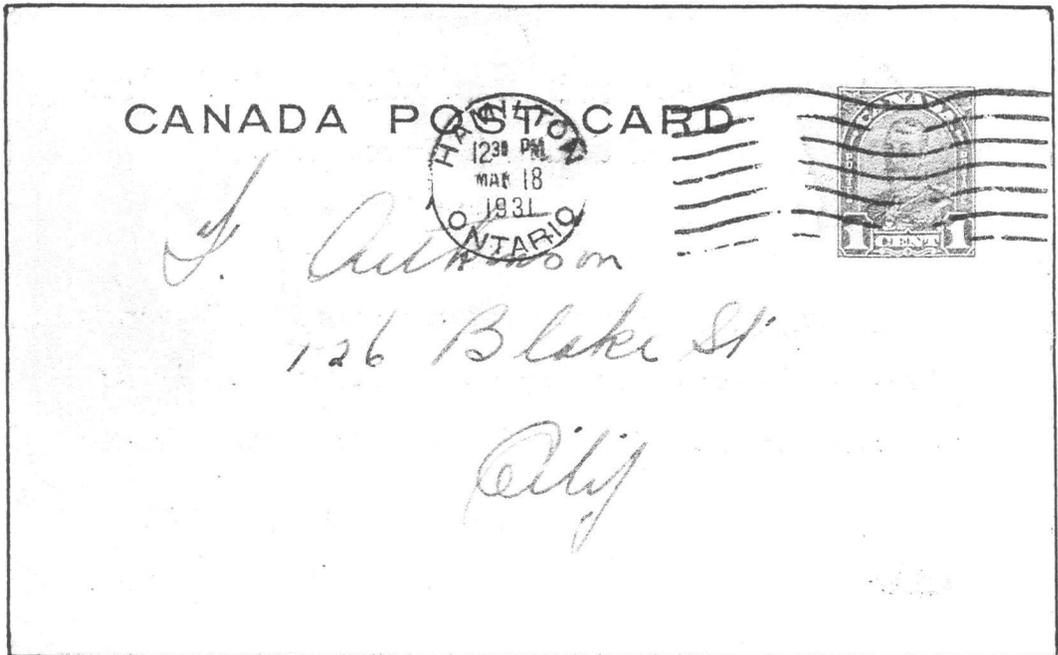
(\*from Gems of Canadian Philately)

These two FPO LONDON CAMP, ONT. Hammer B covers illustrate the earliest recorded date of August 21, 1918, and the latest recorded date of June 22, 1921]. [Bailey & Toop's Canadian Military Postal Markings (1996) notes that the London Camp closed on February 24, 1919.Ed.]



1930'S ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS STATIONERY

The following three cards, dated 1931, 1932, and 1933, were sent



to local members of the regiment. They were inexpensive and very



**Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders  
of Canada (Princess Louise's)**  
Sergeants' Mess

*The Sergeants are entertaining the Corporals  
of the Regiment on Friday evening, March 20th 1931  
at 8 p.m. Be sure to attend and have a good time.*

**F. EASTWOOD, C.S.M.**



*Mess Secretary*

easy to send out. It appears from the postmarks that notice was very short and these cards were cancelled between two and three days of the event! Many regiments utilized similar cards and are often quite attractive and many illustrated.

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This 1932 card is printed in red. I don't know if the noted L.W. Sharp, Lt. and Adjt., was the same Lloyd W. Sharpe we know as the



Argyll and Sutherland  
Highlanders of Canada  
(Princess Louise's)

Spring Church Parade, May 8th, 1932

The Battalion will parade on Sunday, May 8th, 1932, at the Armouries at 10.15 a.m. sharp, for the purpose of attending Divine Service at the Central Presbyterian Church.

This is our first opportunity of attending Divine Service at the Church of our new Chaplain and the Commanding Officers especially request a large turnout of all ranks.

*Dress—Service with medals.  
Bands—Full dress.  
Parade—Rain or Shine.*

L. W. SHARP, Lt. and Adjt.  
for O.C.A. & S.H. of C. (P.L.)

former military postal historian of some note (his name may have been misspelled by the printers).

The following 1933 card, rather plain but to-the-point, high-

''B'' Coy. A.&S.H. Highlanders of Canada (PL)

will hold a Smoker on Monday, Sept. 11th 1933

in the Rathskeller at 8 P.M.

YOU ARE EXPECTED

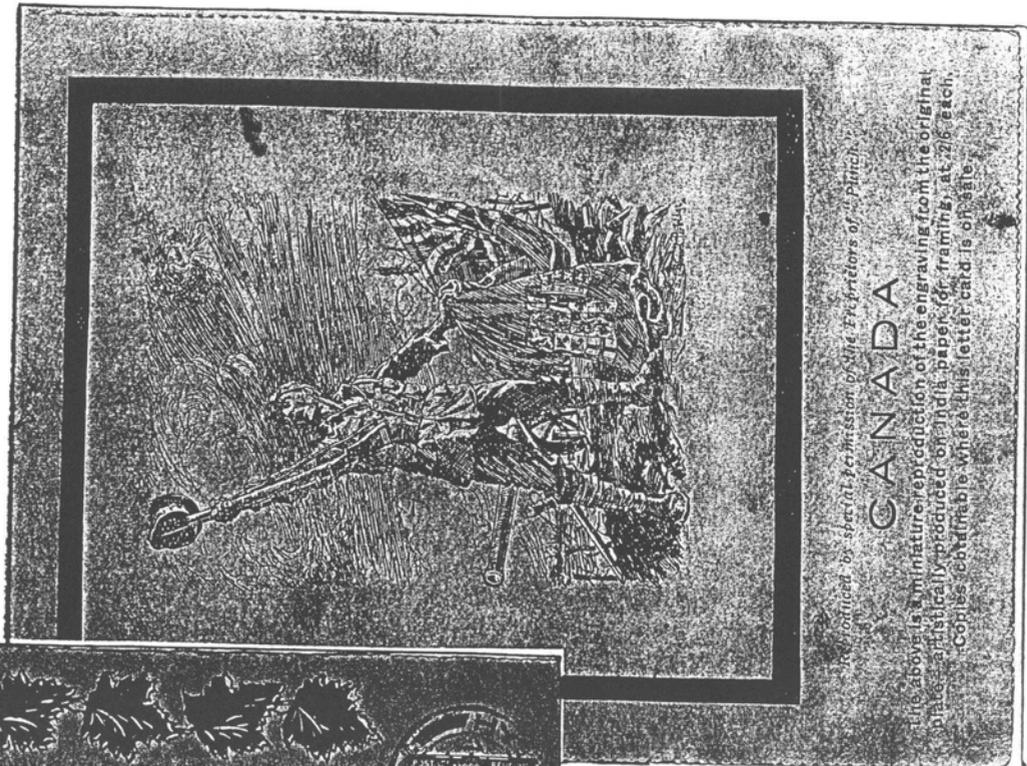
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lights the importance placed upon "Smokers"!

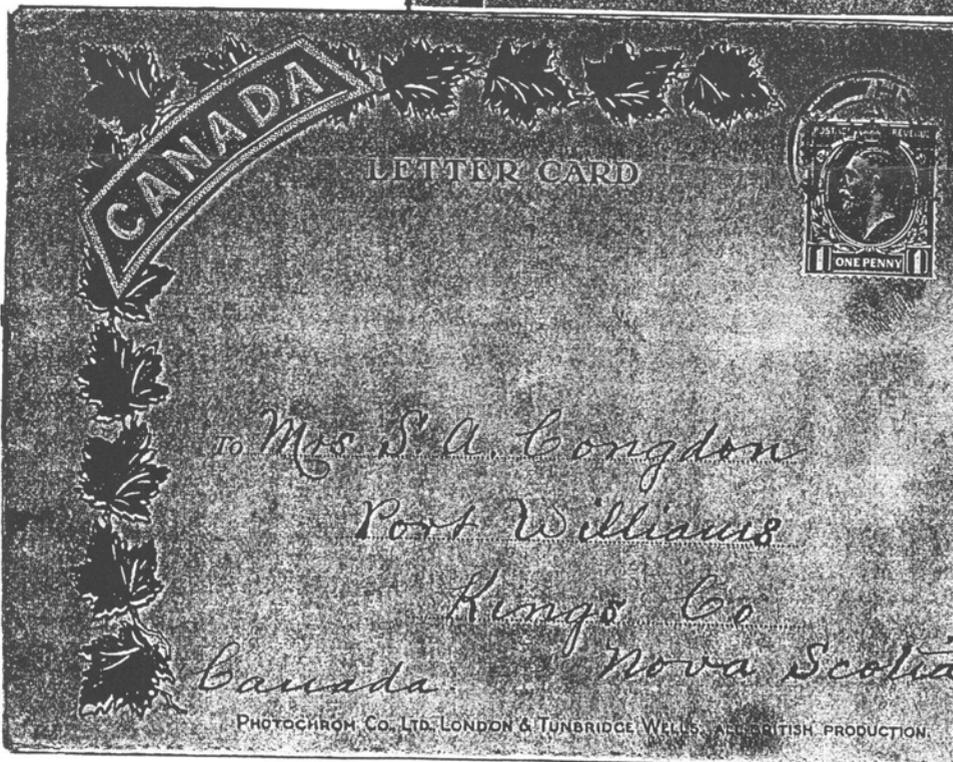
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1916 "CANADA" PHOTOCHROM CO. LETTER CARD--By Hal Kellett

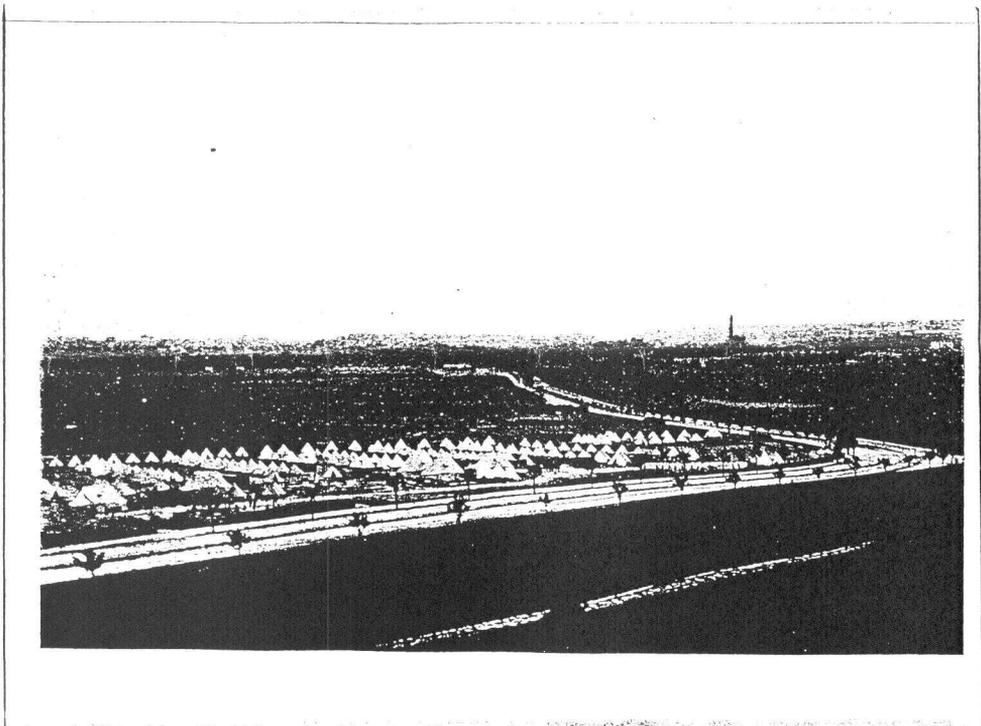
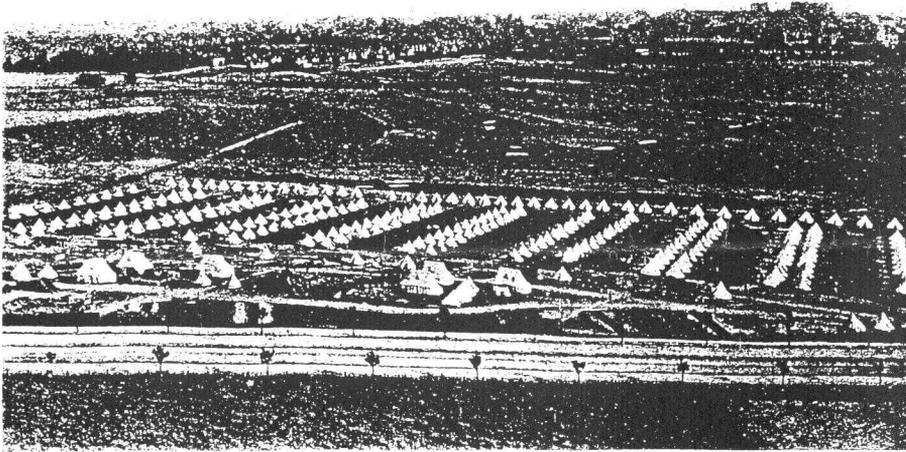
[Hal sent in the following multi-page, stapled, Letter Card depicting several scenes of an unidentified (but presumably Canadian) camp. I believe that the Photochrom Co., Ltd., did publish postcards too. Interestingly, the back page illustration of Sir Bernard Partridge's Punch "Ypres, 1915" is well-known. I have a Second World War version in poster form. It has a copy of the poem "In Flanders Fields" lower left, and "To Us The Torch is Thrown" on the bottom. It was from an ad published by General Motors of Canada, Ltd. on behalf of the Victory Loan, 1941.Ed.]



Produced by special permission of the Proprietors of "Punch"  
 The above is a miniature reproduction of the engraving from the original  
 plate artistically produced on India paper for framing, at 2/6 each.  
 Copies obtainable where this letter card is on sale



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MILITARY SERVICE ACT FORM 2E 1917

By late 1916, problems of dwindling reinforcement numbers plagued

M.S.A. 2E

MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917.

CANADA.

No 054467

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POSTMASTER'S RECEIPT FOR CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Signature of man on whose behalf the application has been made.

*Corey L. Murphy*

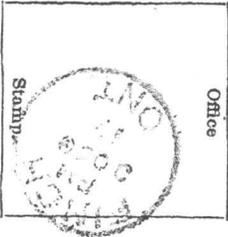
To be delivered to applicant and retained and signed by him, if applicant has applied on his own behalf, or, if application has been made by applicant on behalf of some one else, to be handed by applicant to the man concerned, signed by the latter and produced at any time on request.

The application for the exemption from military service of

(Name in full)

whose Post Office address is given as

has this day been handed to me and this is the counterfoil of that application and bears the same number.



*Don [Signature]*

Signature of Postmaster.

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Canadian commanders. Recruitment drives for the C.E.F. were also slowing down considerably.

Prime Minister Robert L. Borden, to assist Canada's war effort, declared on May 18, 1917 that conscription would be introduced. The Military Service Act, allowing for compulsory enlistment, became law on August 29, 1917. Not all eligible Canadians were conscripted, of course, as many were needed for vital domestic duties (along with those with physical impairments, religious objections etc.). Various exemption forms were utilized and the Postmaster's Receipt For Claim For Exemption (M.S.A. 2 E) was one such form.

Datestamped "Finch/PM/OC 30/17/ONT." (the month indicia inserted incorrectly), the form was official proof that exemption was applied for. A different M.S.A. form is illustrated in Major E.R. Toop's Collection of Canadian Military Postal History Vol. I (Co-Editors C.R. McGuire and R.F. Narbonne, 1996 BNAPS Ltd.). I am sure that members have others as well.

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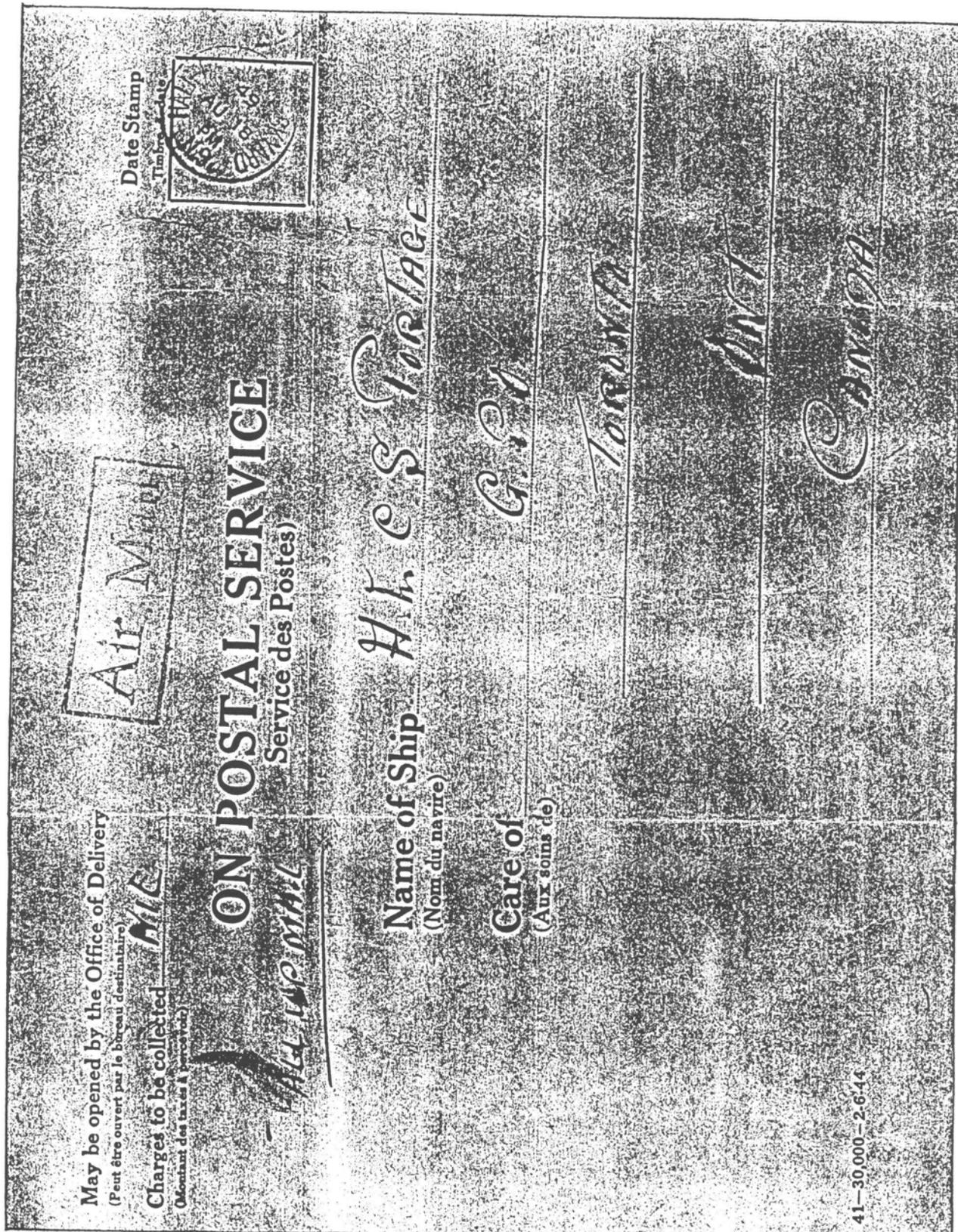
#### NEW BOOKS!

- 1) The Postal History Of World War II Mail Between Canada And Switzerland, Charles J. LaBlonde and John Tyacke. This new volume features discoveries from the Canadian Archives (including the Canadian Personal Postal Message Scheme); rates, routes, and markings for mail in both directions; sections on Canadian censorship, blackout postmarks, P.O.W. mail regulations, and postage due calculations on wartime mail. Spiral-bound, 250 pages, bibliography. \$35 US (post-paid) Canada (airmail); \$30 US (postpaid) for USA delivery; \$40 US (20 pounds/CHF 40/Euro 25 postpaid) for Europe delivery (airmail). Orders to: C.J. LaBlonde, 15091 Ridgefield Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80921-3554 USA, or for more information email him at: clablond@aol.com
- 2) Military Antiques And Collectables Of The Great War: A Canadian Collection, John Victor Taboika (ISBN 1-894581-42-3/ISBN-13: 978-1-894581-42-4), 2007. This hard-cover, oversize, full-colour, 360 page, deluxe-bound book is an amazing view through the personal collection of the author. The book illustrates the uniforms, insignia, accessories, and ephemera for most of the battalions of the Canadian Corps (as well as the Engineers, R.F.C., C.A.M.C., Chaplains etc.). There are many items included such as postal history, regimental Christmas, and patriotic postcards throughout. It's highly recommended! Canada: \$100 + \$14 shipping + \$6.84 GST/\$15.96 HST; USA: \$100 + \$16 shipping; International: \$100 + \$75 shipping. Orders to: Marway Militaria, #14-1865 Sargent Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3H 0E4; (204) 775-7159/Fax (204) 775-7189; email: mmarway@mts.net

At the time of publication, they did have a few volumes left. The limited edition will not be reprinted.

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This large cover, dated August 18, 1949, forwarded mail to H.M.C.S. Portage. At this time the ship was serving as a training vessel on the Great Lakes. [Slightly reduced.Ed.]



May be opened by the Office of Delivery  
(Peut être ouvert par le bureau destinataire)

Charges to be collected  
(Montant des taxes à percevoir)

Air Mail

ON POSTAL SERVICE  
Service des Postes



Date Stamp  
Timbre date

A.H.C.S. PORTAGE

Name of Ship  
(Nom du navire)

G.P.O.

Care of  
(Aux soins de)

Toronto

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CANADA

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Doug and I hope that you've had a nice summer and everyone is prepared for another upcoming fall collecting season. I have had no indication of a study group meeting at this year's BNAPEX in Halifax, and if an impromptu meeting was held, hopefully members will send in a brief report. Good luck to members exhibiting!

Members will note a slight change in appearance of the newsletter as I've purchased a new electric typewriter (yes, typewriter). I hope that members will excuse the varied typos etc. within the text as I will need some time to get accustomed to this machine.

I am very pleased to report that Jon Johnson's exhibit "Canadian Military Hospitals at Sea" was shown at the international EFIRO 2008 show in Bucharest, Romania June 20-27. The exceptional display received a Vermeil medal from the jury. Congratulations Jon!

I am sad to report the passing of noted author and military postal historian John Daynes on July 17 after a long battle with cancer. Members will know John from his many years associated with the Forces Postal History Society as President, Librarian, Editor, and Auctioneer. He was a long-time member of our group too and was often the "go-to" fellow for most things British military. His expertise in many areas was legendary, and he was always ready to assist one with questions and advice. It goes without saying that he will be missed. A card was sent to his family on behalf of the members.

We have also learned that several members are experiencing some health issues. We send our very best wishes.

Members will have observed that we've just surpassed the 1000+ page milestone with our publication! It has been quite a long time since the re-configuration of our paging system; looking back to p.1 of Newsletter 101 (October 1991) under the stellar editorship of Ken Ellison, OTB. Without the support of our members, and the steady-stream of articles etc., our newsletter would not have been as interesting and informative as I believe it is. Please keep those articles coming in so we all may benefit!

I am pleased to see Canada Post Corporation's 2009 stamp programme has included (in October) a stamp honouring "Canadian war heroes". Most of us would also like to see a regular stamp issue for every Remembrance Day in November.

#### SMALL ADS

WANTED: Still seeking WWI Newfoundland material. Also now buying "reasonably-priced" WWI and WWII postal history from Canadians held in German P.O.W. camps. D. Mario, Box 342, Station Main, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3 (2/2)

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