



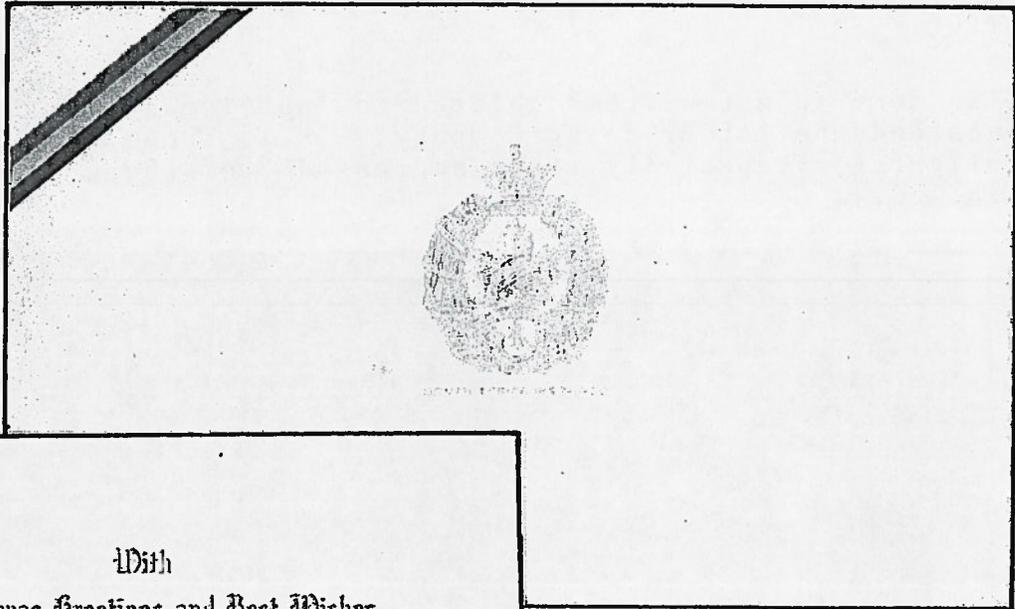
# Canadian Military Mail Study Group

## NEWSLETTER

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THE B.C. REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN  
RIFLES, ANGLO-BOER WAR--By Hal Kellett



With  
Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes  
for the New Year

The British Columbia Regiment  
Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles

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Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier initially sent a force of one thousand volunteers and a limited number were selected from each province. Twenty-four members of the British Columbia Regiment formed "A" Company, Second Special Service Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. They showed great distinction during the battle of Paardberg on February 18, 1900.

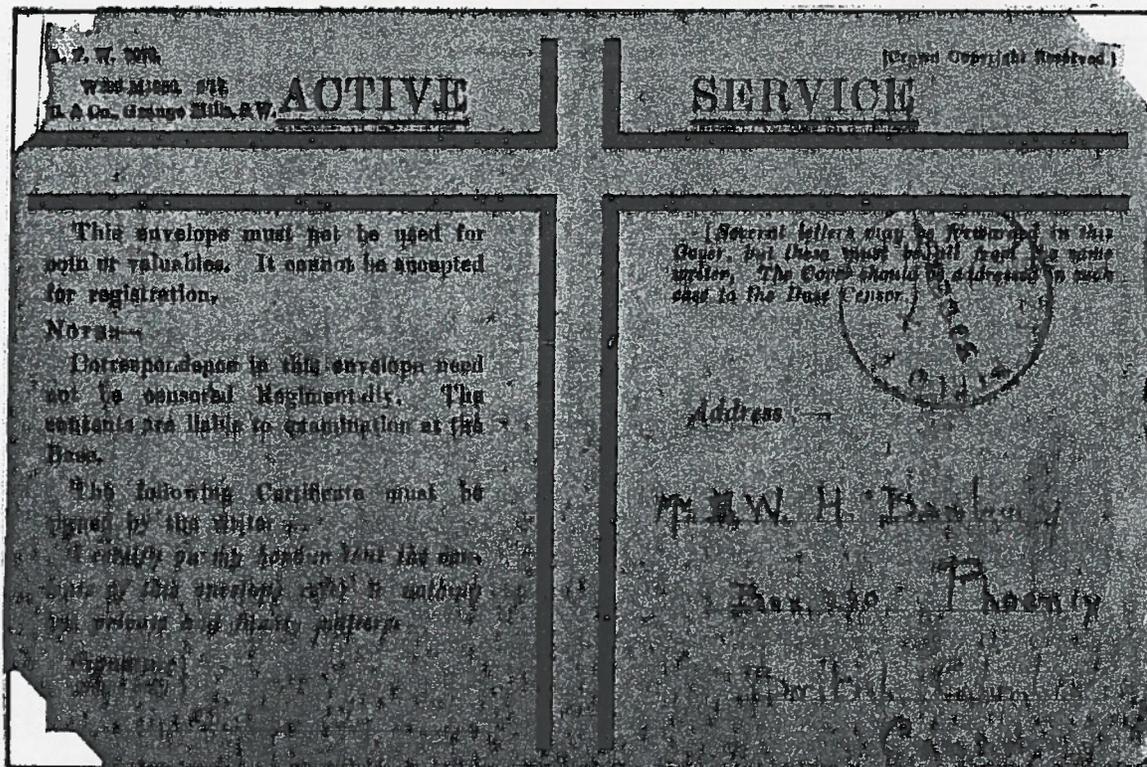
On February 27 the RCR's attacked under the cover of darkness, and General Cronje surrendered with 41,000 of his men. It was the largest single defeat the Boers suffered. Some members of the B.C. Regiment served with the Strathcona Horse. Three members of the regiment were killed.

The preceding illustrations include the regimental Christmas card sent during the Boer War. The inside of the card is shown at 70%.

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MORE FROM GREAT WAR CANADIAN RAILWAY TROOPS, PALESTINE--By Colin Pomfret

[Colin sent in a few items related to last issue's article by Robert Toombs and the 1st Bridging Company, C.R.T. These amazing pieces are equally rare--especially items addressed "to" these troops. Thanks Colin! Ed.]

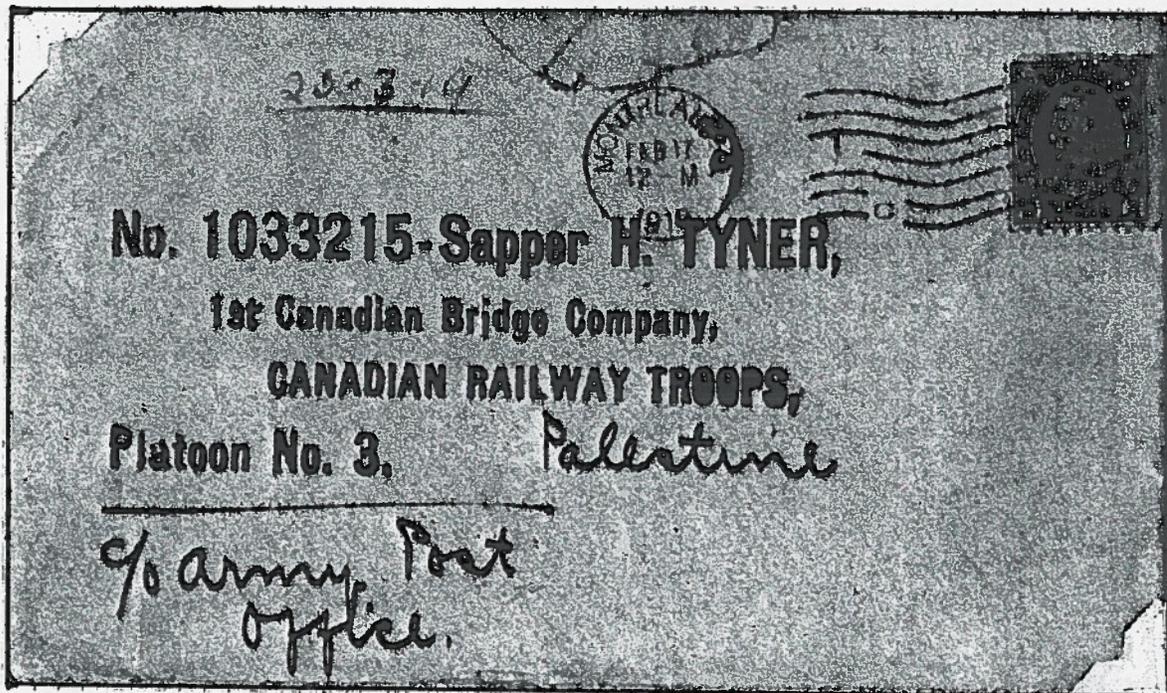


The above bears a postmark from "FPO SZ 61/X/30 DE 18" from Safed,

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Palestine. The enclosure [too faint for illustration purposes.Ed.] denotes the sender's details and return address: "Spr. J. Cordy, No. 1030759, 1 Bridging Co., Canadian Rly. Troops, E.E.F. Palestine".

Sapper Harry Tyner, a machinist from Montreal, Quebec, originally enlisted in the 237th Battalion which was subsequently disbanded. He eventually ended up with the 1st Canadian Bridge Company, Platoon No. 3 as evidenced by this cover dated February 17, 1919 from Montreal attests. A pencil notation of "25-3-19" may indicate the possible arrival date. The stamp on the cover has a partial perfin ("C.P.R.") which may have been his previous employer.



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*Best Wishes  
for the Holidays*

*and Happiness throughout  
the New Year*

ATTESTATION PAPER.

*Trip tickets*  
No 1033215

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

- 1. What is your surname?..... Tyner
- 1a. What are your Christian names?..... Harry
- 1b. What is your present address?..... 776 Champagneur Ave, Montreal, P.Q., N.Y.
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... Emeryville, St. Lawrence, U.S.A.
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... William Tyner
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... 776 Champagneur Ave. Montreal
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?..... Brother
- 5. What is the date of your birth?..... May 26th, 1894
- 6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Machinist
- 7. Are you married?..... No
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... Yes
- 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... No
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... No  
If so, state particulars of Service.
- 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?..... Yes
- 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?..... Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Harry Tyner, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date August 7th. 1916 Harry Tyner (Signature of Recruit)  
Daniel P. Whittle (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Harry Tyner, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date August 7th. 1916 Harry Tyner (Signature of Recruit)  
Daniel P. Whittle (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Montreal, P.Q. this seventh day of August 1916.

H. J. Piche (Signature of Justice)

M. F. W. 20.  
FORM - 5-12  
11. 9. 1915-20-21

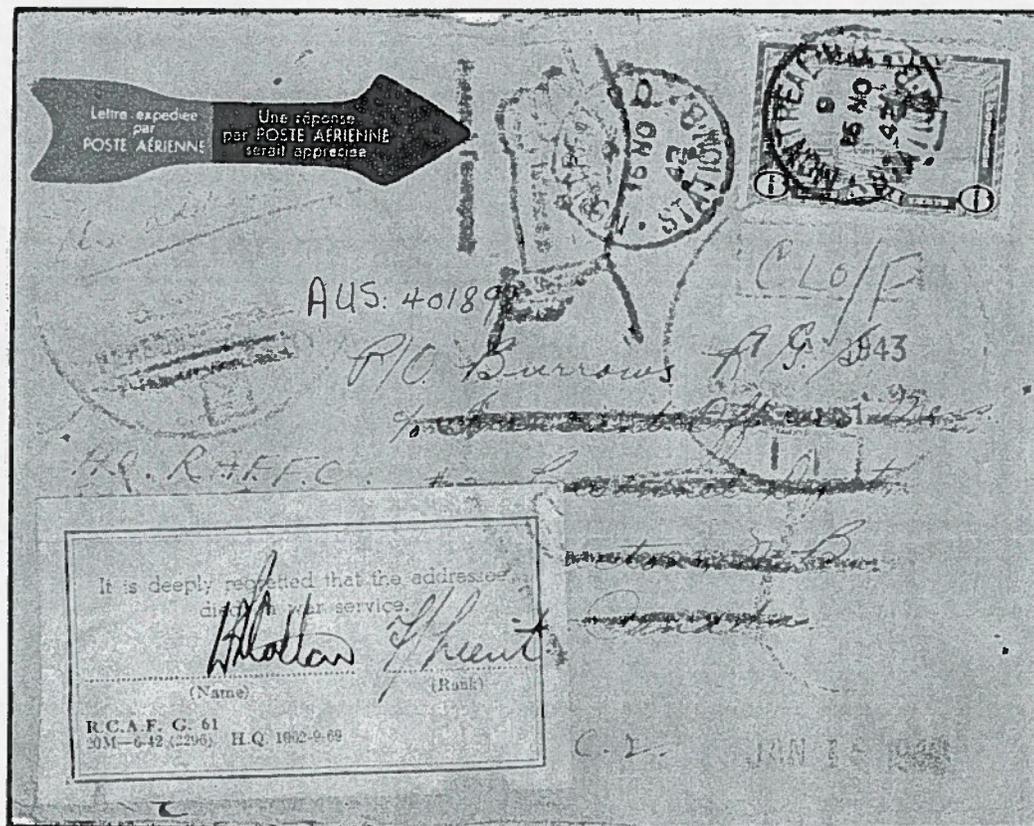
M. A. G. V/C ADMN.  
M. D. H. 4,

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RETURNED LETTER TO RAAF/FERRY COMMAND PILOT KILLED ON WAR SERVICE--By Mike Street and other members

BNAPS member Gary Steele asked Mike Street for assistance in writing up the cover below for his "Mufti" stamp exhibit shown at ORAPEX 2011. Mike in turn asked fellow group members Ken Ellison, Doug Sayles, and Dave Hanes for help.

Ken Ellison wrote: "A civilian cover to an Australian attached to the RAFFC (Royal Air Force Ferry Command/Transport Command). Thus it was chasing him to Moncton, New Brunswick, then England etc. and I guess back to Canada. Where was the RCAF label applied? I cannot read some of the handstamps, and there might be something important under the label but I cannot get it off".



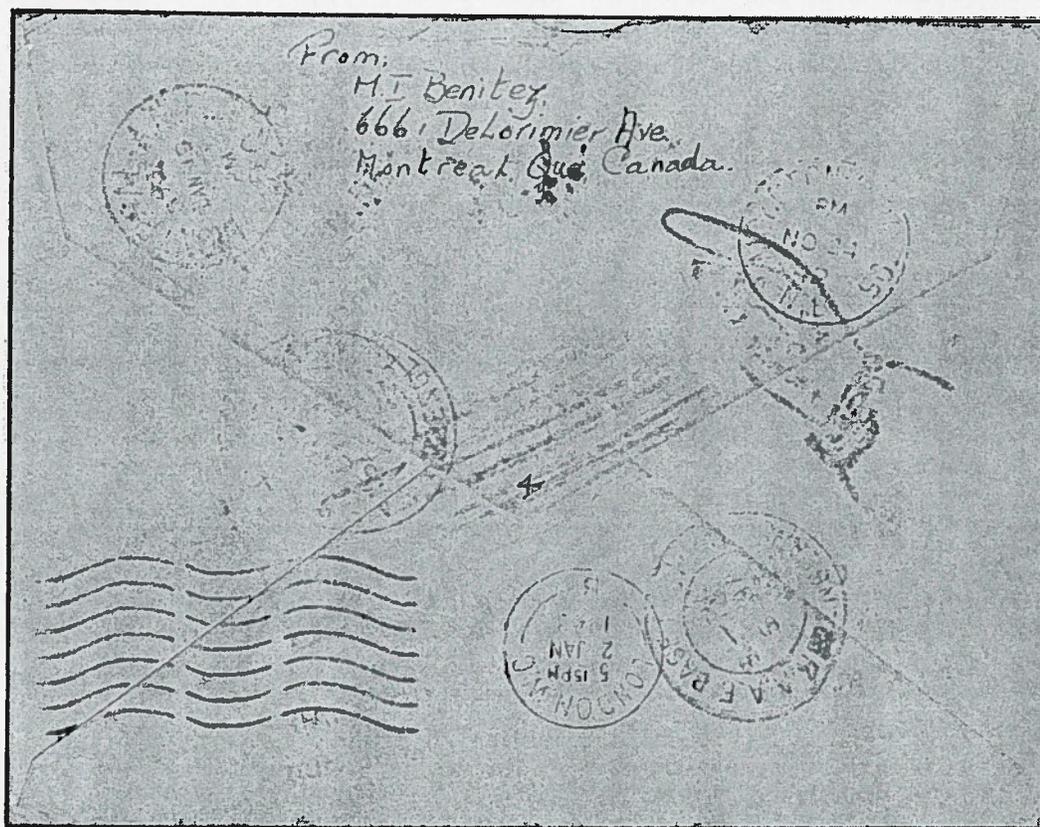
Doug Sayles wrote: "Ronald George Stanley Burrows was piloting Hudson FK690 on December 5, 1942. The aircraft crashed and burned after take-

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off from Gander, Newfoundland, killing all on board (presumably on their way to the U.K.). The reference to Moncton in the address is puzzling. Moncton was not RAFTC H.Q. and, in fact, is not even listed as a staging post. I suspect that Burrows was a recent graduate from the BCATP, and at the Personnel Depot on his way to RAFTC. Not very many pilots were given such an opportunity and I suspect it means he was the "cream of the crop". All in all, a very nice cover indeed".

Ken Ellison: "Moncton was not RAFTC H.Q., but seems to my memory it was a staging airport".

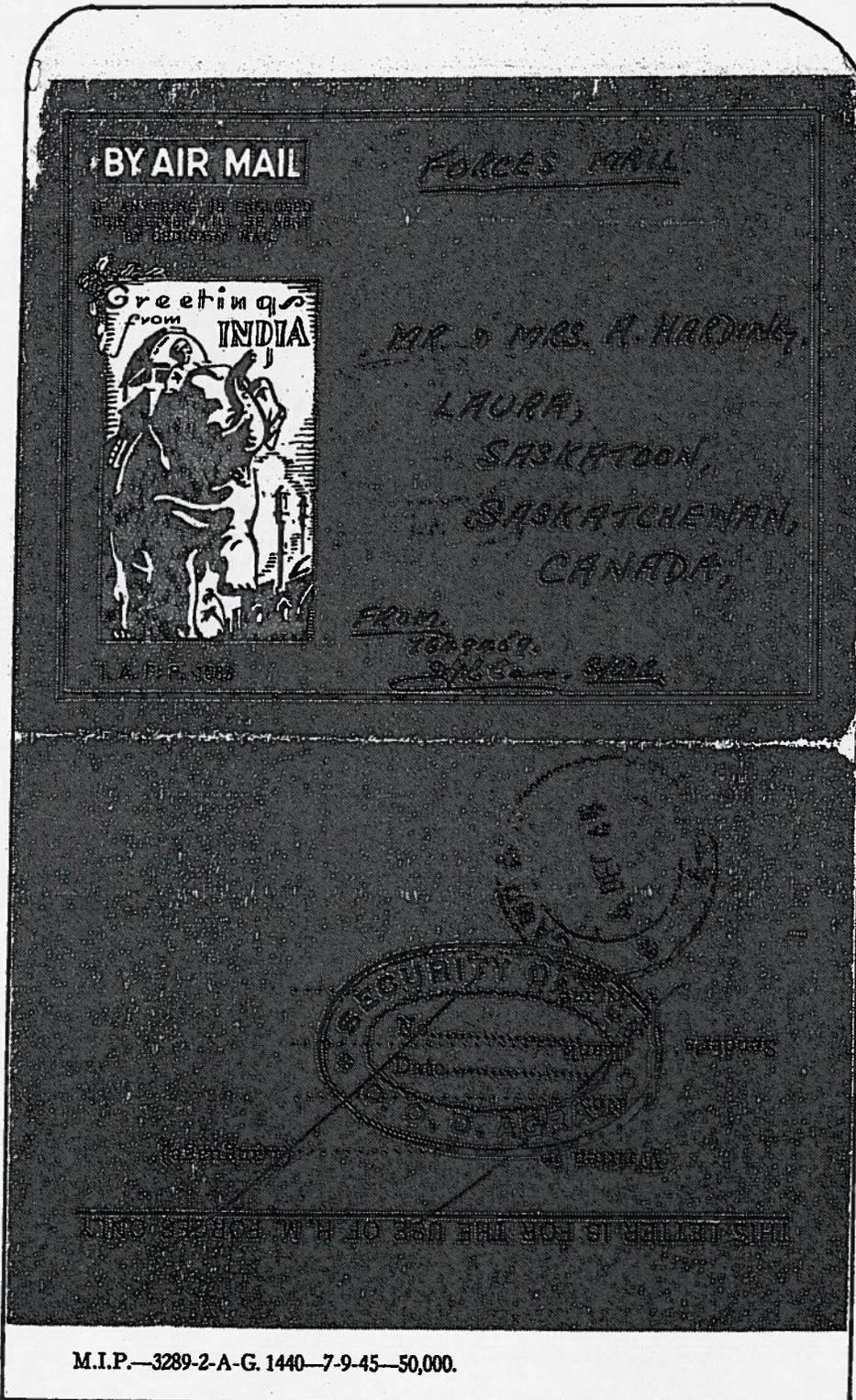


Dave Hanes wrote: "The cover is very interesting. I have various covers (RCAF) relating to boys missing or killed in action. The early ones do not have a proper sticker/label like this one. For your information, I have the book on all members of the RCAF who were killed during the war. They Shall Grow Not Old gives a brief description on each chap as to where he was born, when he joined, trade, when he went missing, and where he lays today. A gruesome book but very handy when checking on members of the RCAF".

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1945 CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM INDIA--By Robert Henderson

This item was acquired a number of years ago among other non-related items. Only the address side of the Air Letter was shown in the display. As several screws held a thick plastic protective cover to the base of the display, it was only recently that my curiosity roused



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enough to ascertain what message, if any, was hidden within the folds of the letter.

It had been mailed from a military camp via Agra, India to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harding, Laura, Saskatchewan [Laura is approximately 45 kms. south-west of Saskatoon.Ed.] in December 1945. Unfolding the sheet, I found a great 1945 Christmas Greeting from India in graphic form [illustrated at 60%.Ed.]



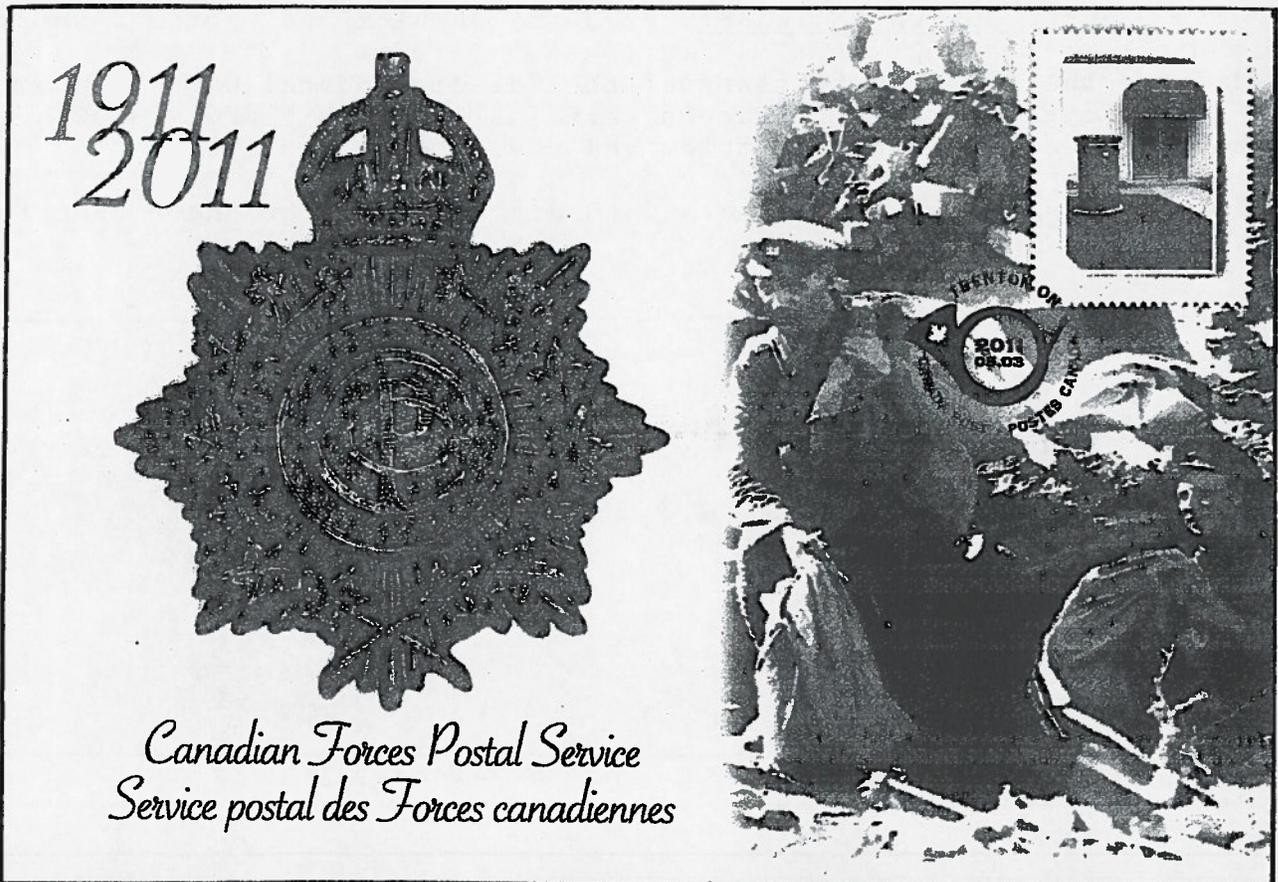
My first reaction was the thought that it had originated from a Canadian airman serving in India with 435 or 436 Transport Squadrons. However I soon confirmed that the regimental number of the sender belonged to the British Forces.

There is a very faint rubber stamp marking on the front of the envelope but it is too light to show up on the copy. It is not readable on the original.

The "Security Office" rubber stamp is marked in dark blue ink, and the postmark of "Camp ?" is dated "4 DEC 45" in black ink.

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CANADA POST'S SPECIAL C.F.P.S. ENVELOPE, 100 YEARS



*Canadian Forces Postal Service  
Service postal des Forces canadiennes*



1911  
1961



1961  
1974



1974  
1987



1987  
2001



2001  
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**On** May 3, 1911, the Canadian Postal Corps was created within the Canadian Militia. During the past century, Postal Clerks have served with distinction during both World Wars, the Korean War, United Nations peacekeeping missions and NATO operations. On its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1961, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted the title "Royal" to the Canadian Postal Corps. Throughout the past 100 years, only a few thousand "Posties" have served under Canadian Postal Corps, Royal Canadian Postal Corps, Administration, Postal and Logistics Branch badges and processed millions of tons of mail between Army, Naval and Air Force personnel overseas and their loved ones. Today, the Canadian Forces Postal Service still proudly supports members of the Canadian Forces around the world.

**Le** Corps postal canadien a vu le jour le 3 mai 1911 au sein de la Milice canadienne. Au cours du siècle dernier, les commis postaux ont servi avec distinction pendant les deux guerres mondiales, la guerre de Corée, les missions de paix de l'ONU et les opérations de l'OTAN. Lors du 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire, en 1961, la reine Elizabeth II a accordé le titre de « royal » au Corps postal canadien. Depuis sa création, si seulement quelques milliers de « postiers » ont porté les insignes du Corps postal canadien, du Corps postal royal canadien ainsi que des branches de l'Administration, du Service postal et de la Logistique, ils ont néanmoins acheminé des millions de tonnes de courrier vers le personnel de l'Armée de terre, de la Marine et de la Force aérienne, et leurs proches. Aujourd'hui, le Service postal des Forces canadiennes soutient fièrement les membres des Forces dans le monde entier.

Lowe-Martin  
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CFPO CANCELS HONOUR CENTENARY--By Jerry Jarnick and George Sawatzki

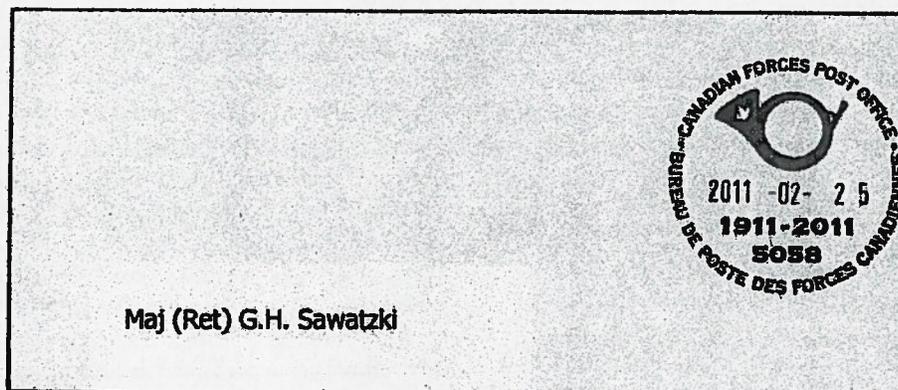
Marking the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Postal Corps (Canadian Forces Postal Service), cancels were introduced at CFPO's showing the stylized Corps post horn emblem and the dates 1911-2011.

The cancels are rimless with a 36mm diameter. Two of these cancels are shown below.



The cancel on the left is from CFPO 5045, Task Force Naples, in support of OP MOBILE, the Canadian effort in Libya.

The cancel on the right and below is from CFPO 5058, OP ATHENA, Kandahar, Afghanistan.



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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

The Publications Committee of BNAPS and its Book Department have been enthusiastically adding titles on military-related postal history and members are encouraged to view more indepth listings at:

[www.iankimmerly.com/books/](http://www.iankimmerly.com/books/)

or contact Ian Kimmerly Stamps, 62 Sparks St., Ottawa, ON K1P 5A8 or (613) 235-9119.

- Maurice Hampson's The Royal Canadian Navy Postal History, 1939-1945, Supplement IV (Vol.6), 40pp., spiral bound, Published by the author. B&W (stock #B4h340.6). C\$24.95. This last supplement in the author's RCN postal history series is new information gathered between 2005-2008 includes illustrations of several rare covers, misc. cancels, and text from various official government envelopes.
- C. Douglas Sayles' The BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings, Vol.II, World War II Era 1936-1945, 304 pp., spiral bound, B&W (stock #B4h046.1). C\$49.95. This new volume, edited by our Group's Chairman/Treasurer, updates the previous catalogues published by the late W.J. Bailey and E.R. Toop. Cancellations are now grouped together and organized by shape and size (a new catalogue number is cross-referenced with that of B&T). There are more than 400 new cancellations and markings included--many of which were previously unknown or unrecorded. The military markings within this volume form the largest part of the B&T catalogues. Volume I, from the 1800's through 1935, will be published in due course and will follow the same style as Doug's previous volumes.
- Michael Powell's Notes Through Barbed Wire, 412pp., spiral bound, colour (stock #B4h923.049.1.1. C\$138.00. B&W (stock #B4h923.049.1). C\$56.95. This latest BNAPS handbook illustrates mail to and from POW's, civilian internees, Japanese evacuees and others in Canadian Internment Camps during the Second World War. Standard and special stationery, rates, markings and handstamps and postmarks, along with censor and foreign markings are also illustrated. Several contemporary and modern photos of the various camps are also included which greatly help to bring context of the period and the postal history connected with the camps.

Prices from BNAPS are the retail prices and members receive a 40% discount. Shipping and taxes are extra.

## (Non-BNAPS Books)

- Dan Bjarnason's Triumph at Kapyong: Canada's Pivotal Battle in Korea (Toronto: Dundurn, 2011), 198pp., illus., C\$22.99 (paperback) is a wonderful new book on Canadians in Korea and especially their efforts during the battle at Kapyong from April 24-26, 1951. Kapyong has been compared to a modern-day Vimy Ridge but has remained as a nearly-forgotten footnote within Canada's proud military tradition.

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Dear CMMSG Members:

Welcome to Issue #201! Doug and I extend our very best wishes to all members, their families, and friends for a very happy Christmas season and the best for the New Year and 2012!

Congratulations are extended to Henk Burgers for his BNAPEX 2011 North Bay multi-frame exhibit "Canadians in Russia, 1918-1920: The Last Contingent of World War I". It was awarded a Gold medal, the Sam Nickle Award for Best Military Mail, and the Horace W. Harrison Grand Award! Henk's "Boer War Connections: Canadians in South Africa, 1899-1902" was awarded a Gold medal too.\* He also was awarded the E.R. "Ritch" Toop Award for the best article on military mail in 2010. David Bartlett's "Fundraising For WWI Through the Post Office"\* was awarded a Gold with Felicitations. Also at the Convention was a well-deserved induction of C.R. (Ron) McGuire to the Order of the Beaver, along with similar kudos to Mark Isaacs for his being awarded the Jack Levine Fellowship Award for promoting BNAPS Regional Groups. Well done everyone!

\*Single Frame

Member Darcy Hickson successfully participated in Manitoba's "Camp Hughes Day" on October 2, 2011. Darcy reported that the group "Friends of Camp Hughes" worked very hard to educate the public about the importance of the Great War training facility at the well-attended event. Space did not permit showing Darcy's excellent exhibit within this issue but I will include them within the next. Again, congratulations!

Thanks are extended to those members who kindly sent along material for the 200th issue and this current one. There is always room for more and members are encouraged to send in items for next year. Until 2012, all the best!

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SMALL ADS

Still only C\$1 per insertion! Send copy and payment (mint postage at face ok) to the Editor. Buy/sell/trade!

**WANTED: WWII Canadian POW's in OFLAG IVC & Buchenwald covers; F.S.S.F. (Devil's Brigade) covers; WWI Newfoundland cards/covers; Victoria Cross recipient postal history; 19th century Royal Navy & pre-1920 Royal Canadian Navy postal history. Details to the Editor or: [blueputtes@hotmail.com](mailto:blueputtes@hotmail.com) (3/5)**

**WANTED: Sewell Camp/Camp Hughes postal history on postcards and covers. Pre-WWI militia camps and 1915/16 C.R.F. eras. Kagerly seeking registered mail, incoming mail, and EKV, LKV strikes. Darcy Hickson, RR#2, Box 24, Brandon, MB R7A 5Y2; (204) 725-0621; or email: [hicksondj@mts.net](mailto:hicksondj@mts.net) (7/10)**

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