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RE-DIRECTED 1944 CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS--By Colin Pomfret



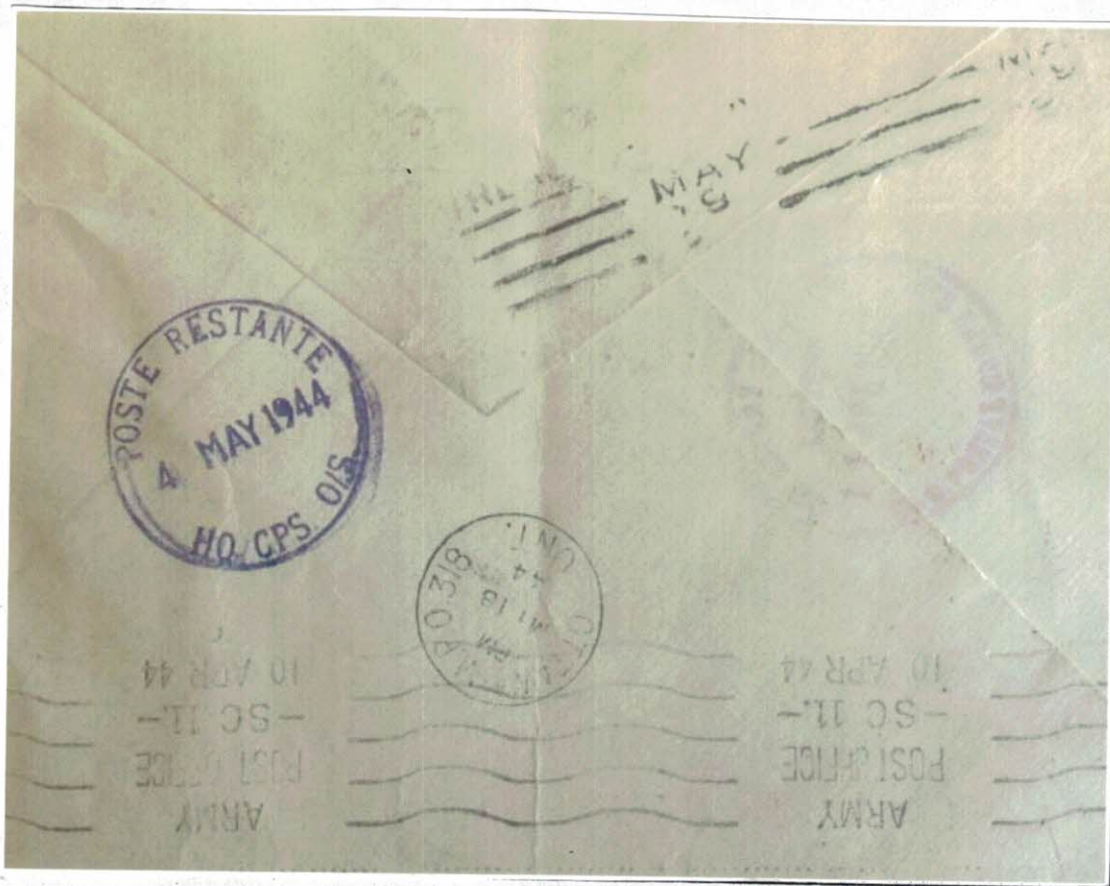
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This letter from the "Purdie Branch" of the Canadian Legion on St. Antoine Street in Montreal, addressed to Capt. Hugh Peck, No. 1 Canadian Armoured Corps Reinforcement Unit, Canadian Army Overseas, was postmarked at Montreal on April 1, 1944. After passing through the Army Post Office SC11 machine cancelled (Sayles #H126) on April 10, 1944, it reached the CPC HQ Directory Service the next day per the faint mark at right on the reverse (Sayles #F373).



After receiving endorsements saying that Capt. Peck was neither at No. 1 CACRU nor the Non-Effective Transit Depot (NETD), on May 4 it arrived at the General Delivery office at the Headquarters of the Canadian Postal Corps Overseas where the "Poste Restante" handstamp (Sayles #F370) was applied on the reverse. Somewhere in the process the large "S.O.S. TO CANADA" handstamp (Sayles #F349) in red was added on the front.

On May 18 the letter passed through MPO 318 in Ottawa (Sayles #D590) (with CDS) and was then apparently sent to the No. 4 District Depot in Montreal where the boxed unit handstamp (Sayles #D603), also in red, was applied and Capt. Peck's home address, 1 Belvedere Rd. in the Westmount district of Montreal, added.

A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO ALL!

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1973 MPO 333/CFPO 5000 RE-

DIRECTED--By A. David Hanes

A front and back [cropped.Ed.] re-addressed cover with several unusual and seldom-seen markings. The boxed "MPO 333/Ottawa, Ontario" is a new one to me!

Return to Sender From MPO 333 For Reason Checked	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Called for
<input type="checkbox"/> Refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
<input type="checkbox"/> Left Unit Address Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to locate
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark and Initials	<input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Address
<input type="checkbox"/> Addressed to the Soldier	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Initials

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ATTN COMPT

HEL J.G.P. SAUVE

BASE COMMANDER

CANADIAN FORCES EAST EUROPE

CFPO 5000

CFB Montreal

P.O. Box 66669

MTL PQ

MPO 333

Ottawa, Ontario

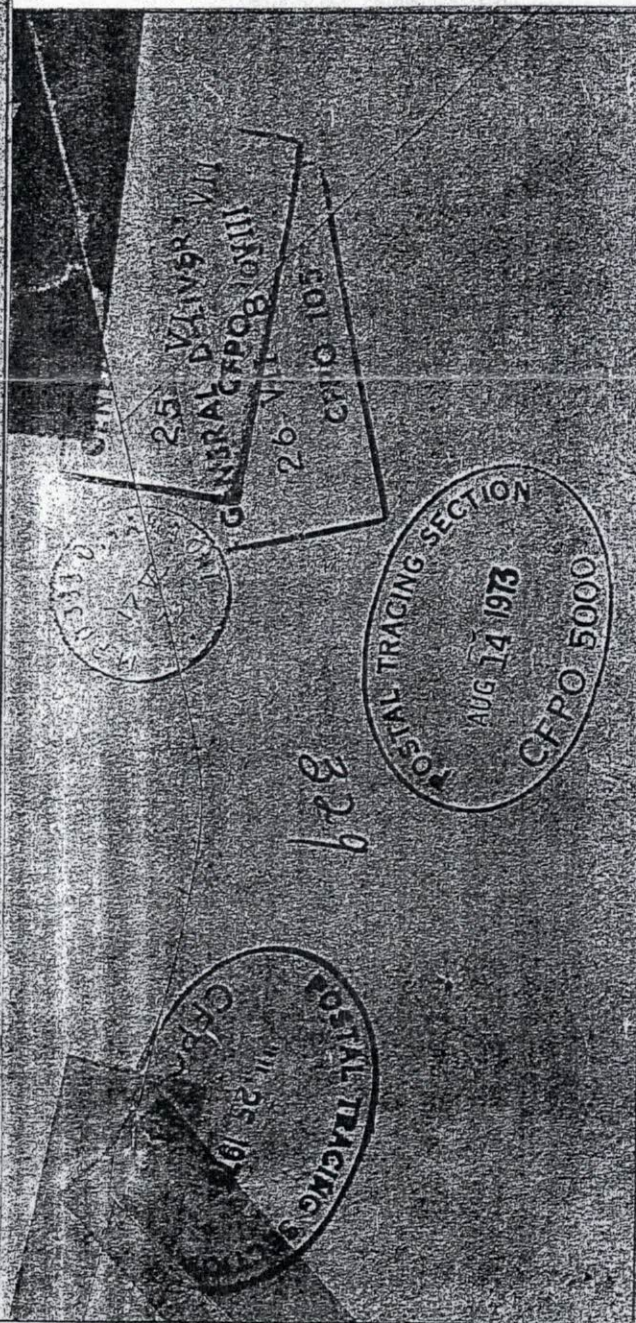
DND 319 (Aug. 72)
7530-211-866-3819

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

If undeliverable return to sender
at point of Mailing

RETURN
TO
SENDER

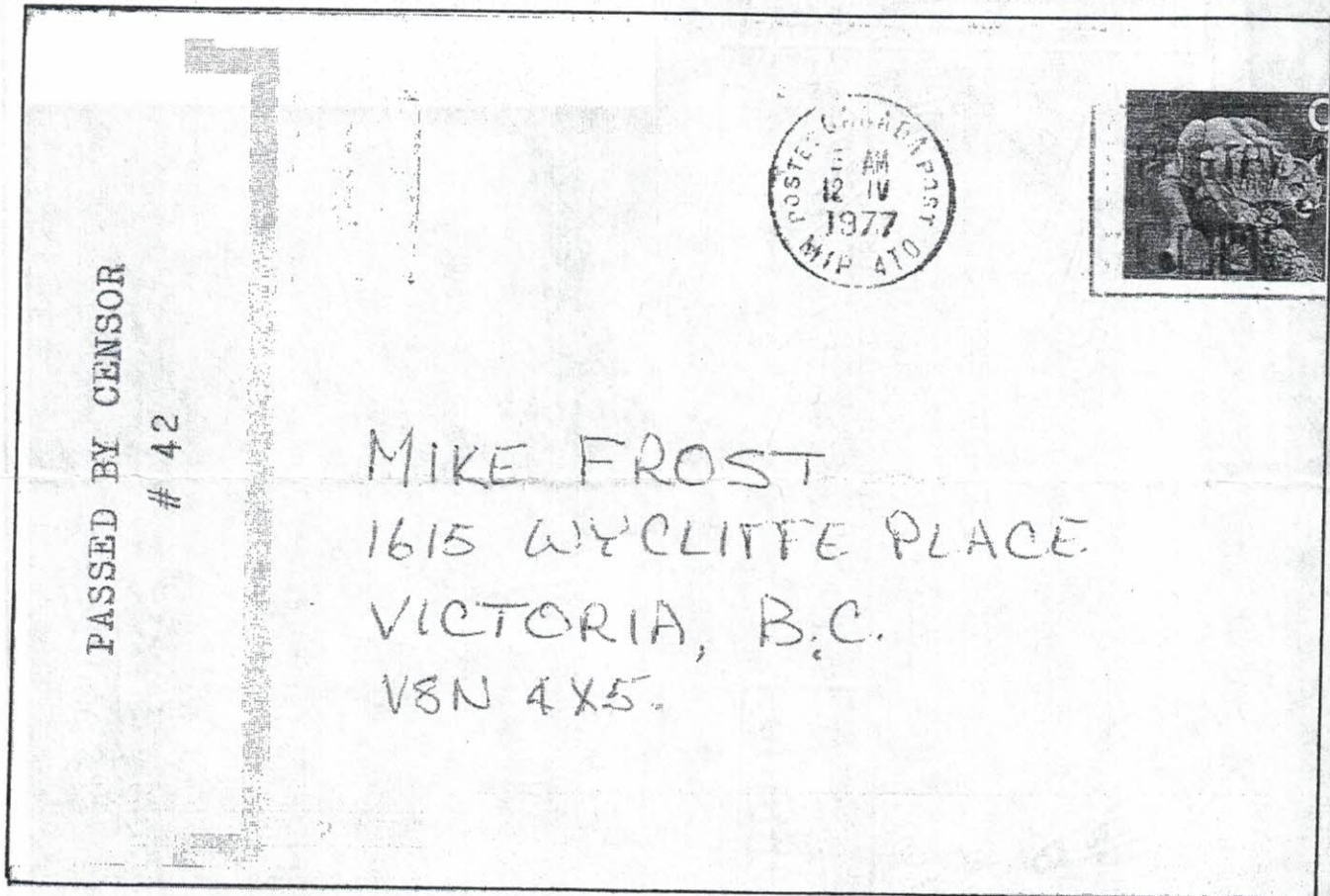
Delivered in 1st
class
23/7/73



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1977 (!) PASSED BY CENSOR #42 ONTARIO TO B.C. LABEL

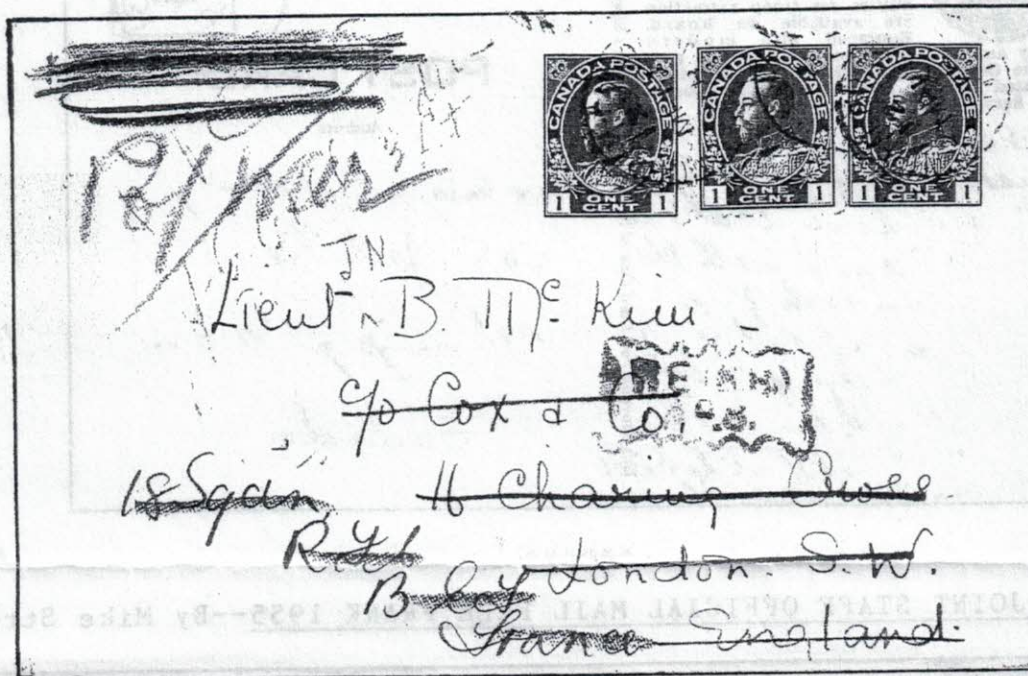
Members may have seen this item contained within Sale #32 (lot 668) of Ocean Park Auctions. What do you make of it? What would have been the circumstances to necessitate such a label? Given the fact that the reverse of the label has the English version of "Defence" spelled with an "s" instead of a "c" (see Dave Hanes' D.N.D. version previous), I'm of the opinion that it is a fake concocted by a poor speller! Any other suggestions? Caveat emptor! [Illustration cropped. Online inspection only.Ed.]



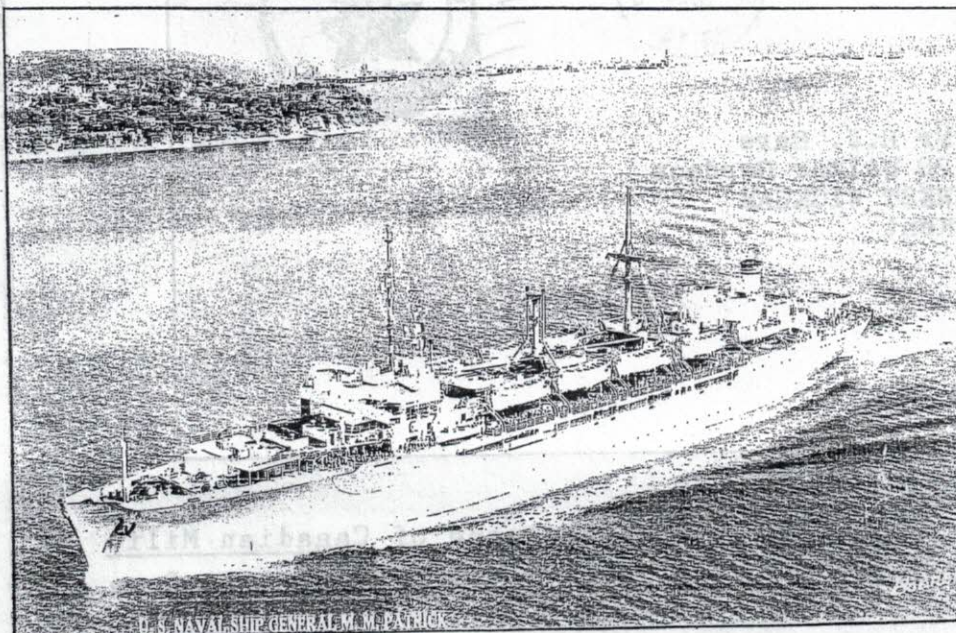
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE

1918 MONTREAL TO R.F.C. PRISONER OF WAR--By A. David Hanes

This is a gem mailed from Montreal on March 11, 1918 to a Lt. McKim in London, England. This address was marked out and a new address, "18 Sqdn, R.F.C., B.E.F., France" was added. In pencil, upper left, is "R.F.C." and the signature of J.G. Gillanders, 2 Lt. The "18 Sqdn." etc. was marked out in blue crayon and in upper left was pencilled in red "P (Prisoner) of War".



The cover was returned to the Dead Letter Branch, Ottawa, Canada on July 28, 1918.



C.F.P.O.-31 1952 IN
TOKYO, JAPAN AND
U.S.N.S. GEN. M.M.
PATRICK--By Colin Pomfret

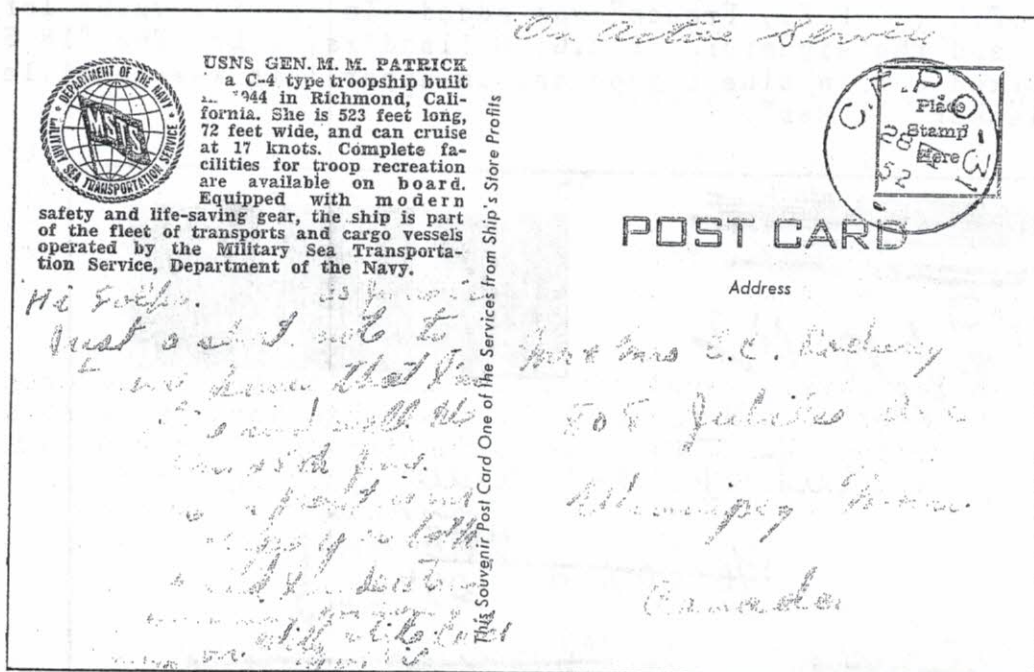
[Colin sent along this interesting combination of a Canadian CFPO in Tokyo, Japan during the Korean War period on a U.S. Navy troopship postcard!]

Presumably the ship was in port and the writer was able to tour the General M.M. Patrick and obtained

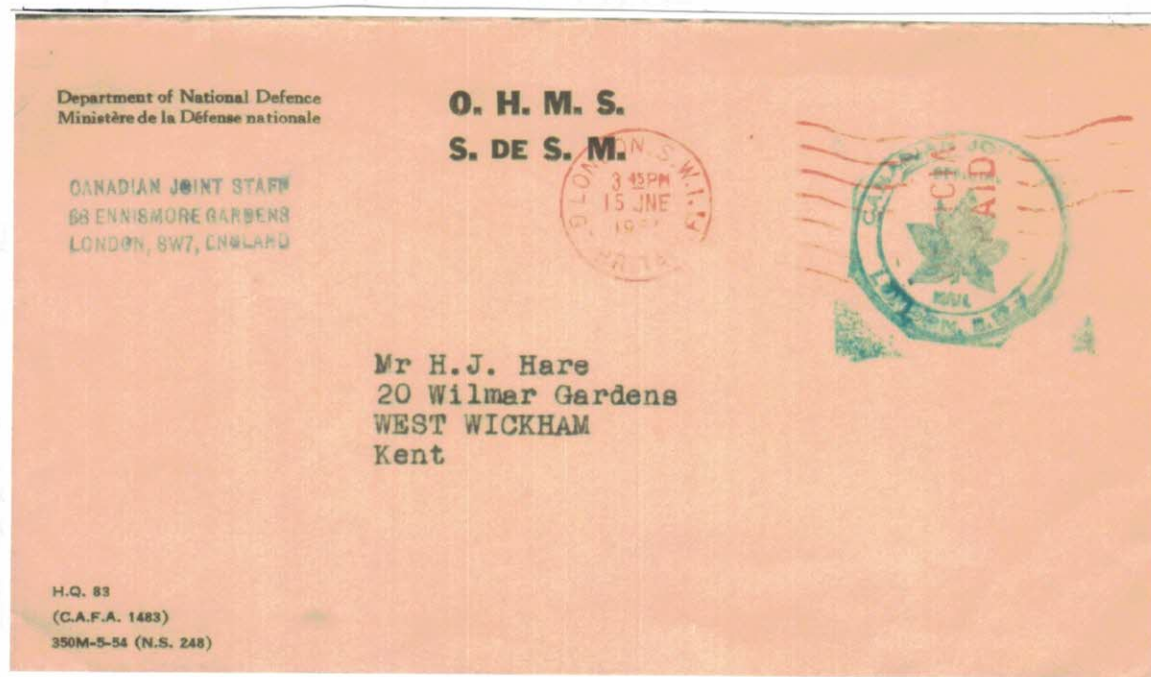
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a souvenir to send home to his parents in Winnipeg. The card's message is a bit faint/incomplete so the writer could have been part of the crew and sent the card through a Canadian office. Ed.]



CANADIAN JOINT STAFF OFFICIAL MAIL FREE FRANK 1955--By Mike Street



In Endnote 2, page 255, of his The BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings, Vol.3: From Victory in 1945 to Afghanistan, Doug Sayles wrote:

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"Mail from Canadian Defence Liason Staff (CDLS) (CFPO 5051) in London was eligible for the 'Commonwealth Forces to Homeland' rate. This concession allowed mail to be sent to the Commonwealth homeland for the current British domestic 1st class letter rate, rather than the much higher overseas rate. Examples of such usage can be identified by the CDLS return address, and a handstamp or manuscript indicating 'Commonwealth Forces to Homeland'. All examples I have seen bear then current British stamps, which are cancelled by a civilian post office".

A free franking marking has now surfaced. The green marking on the preceding cover reads "Canadian Joint Staff/Official/Mail/London S.W.7.". The red machine cancel reads "LONDON.S.W.1./3 45PM/15 JNE/1955/GT. BRITAIN.F.", with "OFFICIAL/PAID" across the wavy line canceller. The return address is "Canadian Joint Staff, 66 Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7, England".

[Here is a similar cover, dated April 29, 1957 (cropped) addressed to the former commander of the Canadian Military Mission, Far East during the Korean War period. Frank Fleury was the Liaison Officer responsible, in part, for contact with the Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan and with the U.N. Command. He was later despatched to London with the Canadian Army Liaison Office. This frank is in black ink.Ed.]

CANADIAN ARMY LIAISON ESTABLISHMENT
LONDON



Brigadier FJ Fleury,
24 Wetherby Gardens,
SW5.

DQ (D/AM)

OTTAWA/CANADA/FREE FRANK NON-MILITARY--By George Sawatzki

DOMINION OF CANADA.
CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM,
(Department of Agriculture,)
OTTAWA.

If not called for, Postmaster will please
return to Central Experimental Farm.

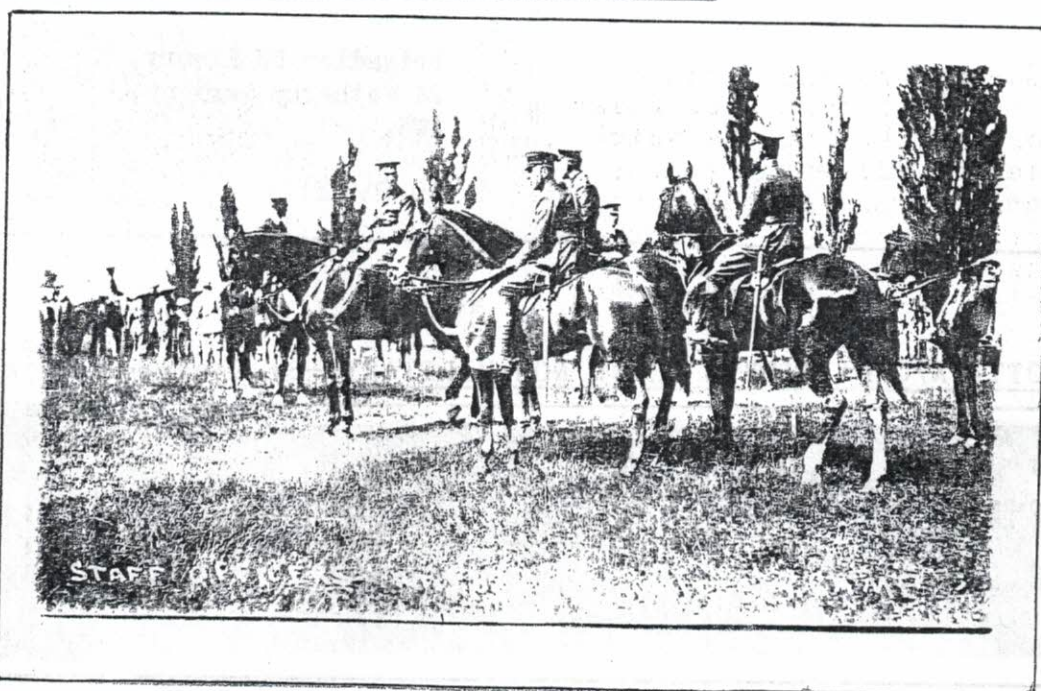


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[George kindly responded to Wayne Schnarr's query regarding the various Ottawa/Canada/Free keyhole (and others) markings (NL#221, p. 1436, Nov. 2015) and substantiates Wayne's suspicions. While these free franks may be found on military mail, and examples may indicate that similar markings may have been used by military officials, it is safe to assume that they are non-military official or quasi-official government markings.Ed.]

JUNE 24, 1912, STAFF OFFICERS AT GODERICH MILITARY CAMP--By Colin Pomfret



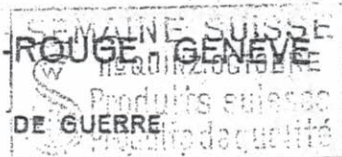
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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE GENEVE

AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE



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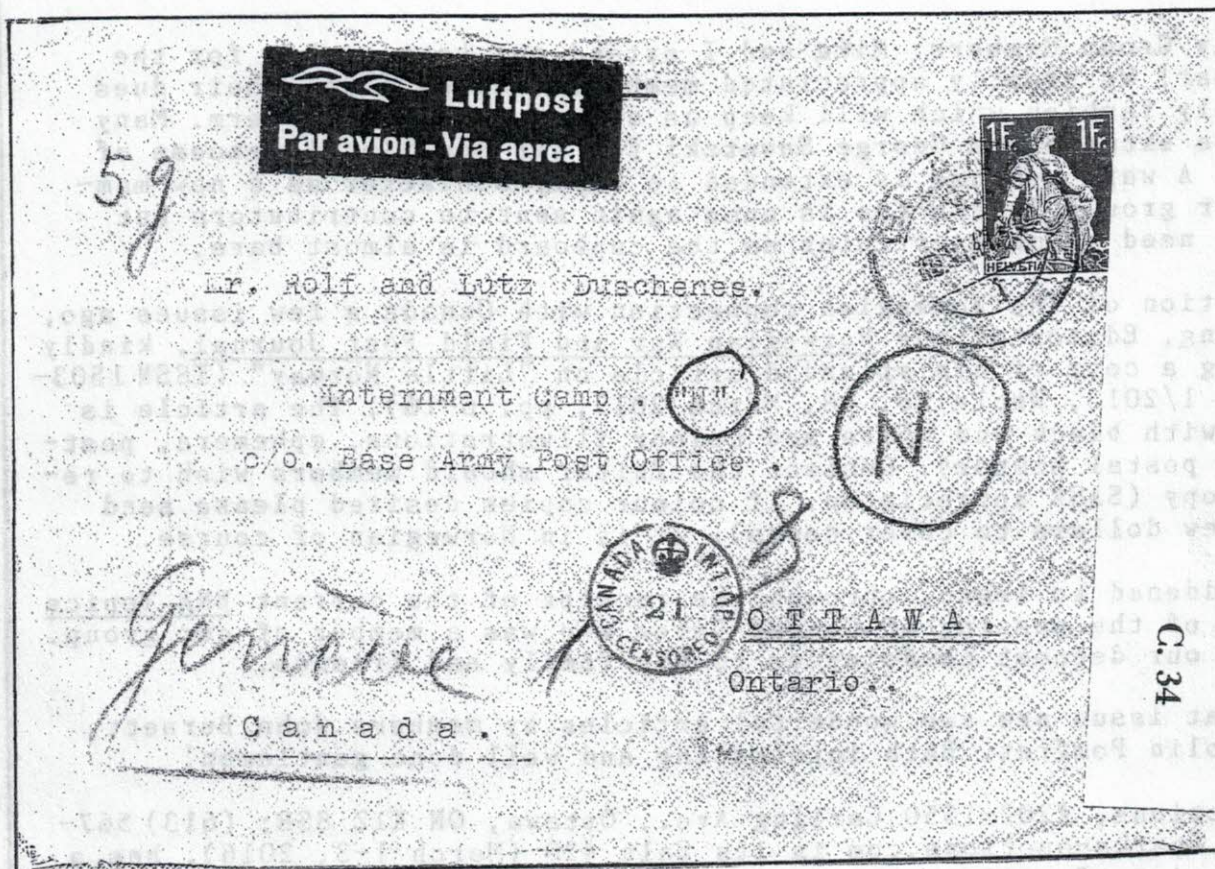
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Dr. ...rich G. ...
Warners Camp No. ...Seaton-Devon

England**CENSOR****2664**

Camp N

C/O THE DIRECTOR
INTERNMENT OPERATION
OTTAWA, CANADA.



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Dear Study Group Members: Mike and I extend our best wishes for the coming year! We greatly appreciated members sending along their dues in a timely fashion which will keep us afloat for another term. Many thanks are extended to **George Sawatzki** for his donation in excess of his dues. A warm welcome is extended to **Willy Schlatter** as a new member of our group! Thanks too is once again sent to contributors but we are in need of more articles as the cupboard is almost bare.

After mention of the Norwegian connection with Canada a few issues ago, Knut Arveng, Editor of the Norwegian War and Field Post Journal, kindly sent along a copy of his splendid article on "Little Norway" (ISSN 1503-5506, Nr. 1/2013, Whole No. 68, March 2013, pp. 6-16). The article is complete with black and white and colour illustrations, ephemera, postmarks and postal history. Contact the Editor should members wish to receive a copy (SASE appreciated. If colour copies desired please send along a few dollars to cover costs). It is in Norwegian of course.

We are saddened to learn, through the receipt of the current BNA Topics recently, of the passing of Conrad Lutes who was a member of our group. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Within that issue are two wonderful articles by members John Burnett, OTB and Colin Pomfret. Both interesting and well done gentlemen!

Sparks Auctions, #202-1550 Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON K1Z 8S8; (613) 567-3336; www.sparks-auctions.com in its Sale #20 (March 1-3, 2016), has a fine selection of military mail from the Henk Burgers' collection.

SMALL ADS

Looking for something? Have something for sale? Why not try our small ads? Buy/Sell/Trade. Still only \$1 per issue (Canadian stamps @ face ok). Copy and payment to the Editor please.

WANTED: Collector is looking for CFPO 5106/POCON 103985 and CFPO 5107/POCON 103993 cancelled covers used in conjunction with the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Purchase or trade. Please contact Kon Sokolyk at kwsokolyk@yahoo.com (4/5)

WANTED: Japanese Canadian Nisei volunteers and non-Japanese Canadians in WWII Intelligence Service Far East. Especially seeking Japanese Language School (S-20) drafts, interpreters, war crimes units etc. in South East Asia Command; Canadians associated with Nuremburg War Crimes Trials; Canadian POW's in Buchenwald/Colditz (Oflag IVC) and Stalag Luft III escapers; Canadians in Gibraltar/Malta; WWI Newfoundland. Contact the Editor at blueputtees@hotmail.com (4/5)

WANTED: Canadian covers to or from these military missions: MONUC/MONUSCO (Democratic Republic of the Congo since 2000); United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (1993-1996); United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE 2000-2001); United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ 1992-1994); United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS 2011-present); United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM 1990-1995). Please contact Major Anthony Fulmes: aifulmes@gmail.com (3/6)

WANTED: Sewell Camp and Camp Hughes postal history. Roller cancellations, special delivery, and money order receipts sought. Anything considered. Darcy Hickson, R.R. #2, Box 24, Brandon, MB R7A 5Y2; (204) 724-2028; hicksondi@mts.net (2/10)
