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► Cover Story — Gary Steele OTB

Editors note—Below is an example of a seldom seen rate and to Java, a difficult destination.



Note the censoring in India took too long and by the time it was ready to forward onward it was marked MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED RETURN TO SENDER.

\$1.00 paying the 1/2 oz. rate. Route via Miami, Brazil and West Africa.

► Chairman's notes by Gary Steele

Here we are into a Second Wave of Covid-19, with hunkering down the most important thing to do lately. A side-effect of this event has been a renewal of home games and hobbies with stamps being one of them. Keen collectors are finding new material in their closets of all places. New or renewed collectors are searching the depths of the internet and stamp dealers' stocks from afar.

One of the most important things members can do is to 'Ask questions'. If you need to know an answer to something, please feel free to email other members of the study group. Answers can be obtained in a matter of minutes sometimes. Scans can be sent and forwarded to other parties. Zoom meetings are going to be part of the NORM now and in the future. Questions can be asked at any time.

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On behalf of the Study Group, I would like to welcome two new members, Leigh Hogg and Jean-Pierre Pare

► Editors' Notes

Again, I would like to thank the contributors to this issue of Post and Mail. You will note that there is an increased number of articles on a variety of subjects. Hopefully, members have noticed these changes and encourage the submission of articles.

Articles in this issue range from *a) Favorite Covers by Peter Kritz b) Empire Air Mail rate by Joe Trauzzi, c) Commercial Paquebot Consignee Mail by Jonathan Johnson d) RCAF Christmas Cards, a new BNAPS/ book by David Hanes, e) Eight cent Peace Issues Usages by Ingo Nessel, f) Holiday Greetings from Gary Steele, g) Christmas Greetings from Canadian and German POW's and finally a report on our first Zoom meeting.*

I have a good start on Issue 42, but more material is needed. The hope is that we will be able to get back to at least three issues per year. If I receive more material than is needed for an issue (my fondest dream) I will let the authors know in which issue their article will appear. Maybe we can consider four issues per year.

In the latest issue of the Herold Dispatch, Stephen Prest discusses "cross over" articles. Therefore, please submit articles if they have some KG VI content.

On another matter, our Study Group Chairman Gary Steele would like to retire from the position after 18 years. Interested volunteers can email Gary at gwsteele57@gmail.com

Our next Zoom meeting will tentatively be on January 16, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. EST. One of our presenters will be Peter McCarthy, who will discuss Motor Torpedo Boats of WW II.

If you would like an invitation to the meeting, please email me at kwlemke@sympatico.ca

I trust everyone is staying safe and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year..

The KG VI study group and the newsletter are intended to share information, research, discussion, and helping each other.

If we are to support this goal with quarterly newsletters, we need more contributions.

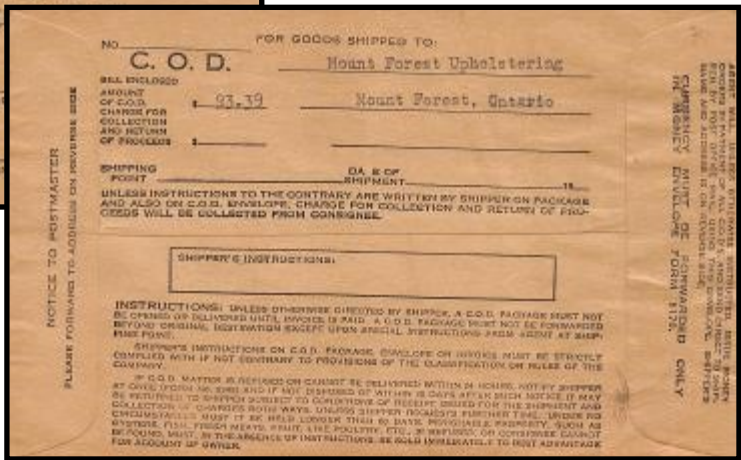
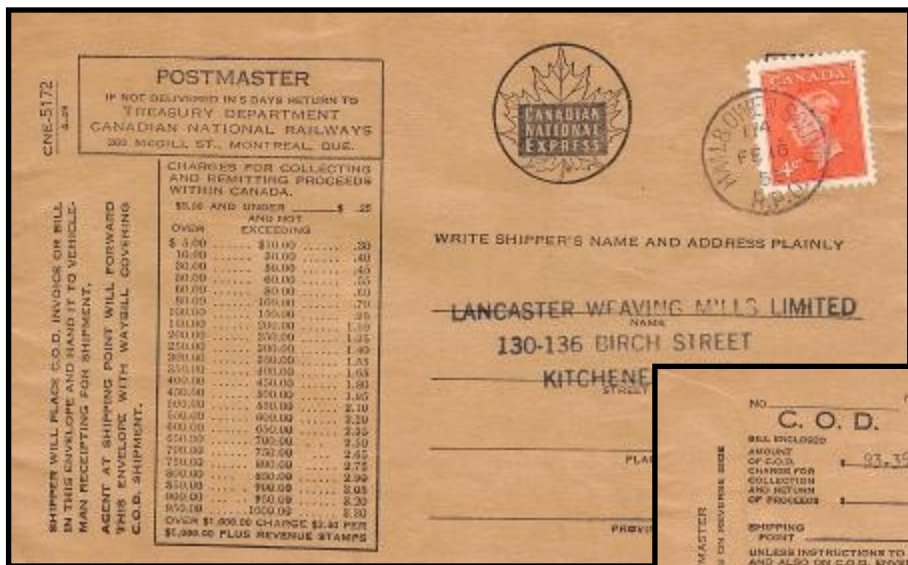
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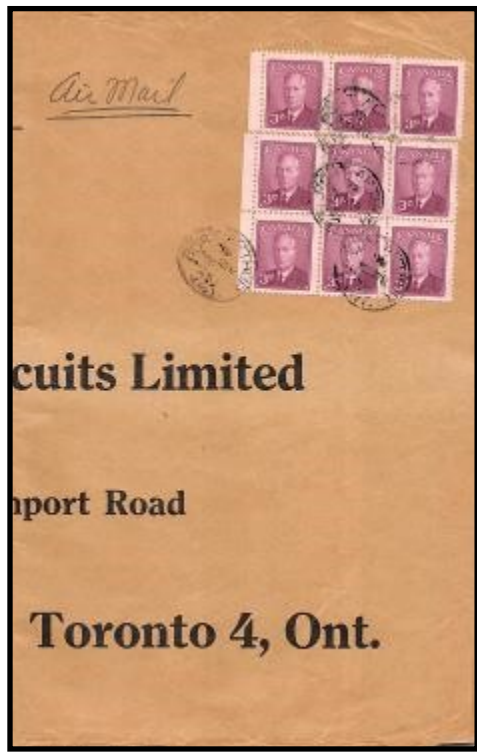
Some Favorite Covers — Peter Kritz



Cover for a C.O.D. shipment. Cover also shows the four cent Postes-Postage Stamp in it's new colour.

A nice Hamilton and Owen Sound R.P.O. cancel dated Feb 18, 1952.

Authors Question: Was it usual to go by train due to shipment being C.O.D.?



Part of a large 8.5 X 11 inch overweight air mail envelope paying 27 cents for a 5 oz letter.

Author questions: Is there an extra charge for the size? Does anyone have a comment on size versus weight?

King George VI coil stamps



Cover with strip of one cent Postes-Postage stamps, paying the four cent domestic rate.
CDS dated June 23, 1950

Money Letter or ?



Cover with 52 cents (13 four cent Postes-Postage stamps) postage paying 20 cents registration and 32 cents for postage.
There is a nice wax seal on the back of the cover.
Author wonders if this could be a registered money letter or a registered letter with documents.



Nostalgia Letter for a by gone era



Cover with three cents postage paying the drop letter rate.
 Imagine if we could send mail today with the address "Town". Sent from the Municipal Tax office no less

Registered Money Letter ?



A registered cover with a large rate (\$1.77) from one bank to another
 A money letter or?
*Please forward any comments regarding the covers to the Editor so that the answers can be shared with the study group.
 The Editor will forward your comments to the author.*

Empire Air Mail Rate – 4¢ Postcard Rate from Canada by Joe Trauzzi

As many members are probably aware, Britain started the Empire Air Mail Scheme (EAMS) in 1937 to provide airmail service to commonwealth countries, the rate was set at 1½d per half ounce for first class letters 1d for postcards. The EAMS was ended with the start of WWII in September 1939.

EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME		
All first class mail (letters, postcards and other articles prepaid at letter rate) posted in Canada for the following Empire Countries is carried exclusively by air BEYOND ENGLAND under the Empire Air Mail Scheme as the normal means of transmission. The rate for letters is 6c. per half ounce or fraction thereof and 4c. each for postcards.		
Anglo Egyptian Sudan Kenya Colony and Protectorate Uganda Protectorate Tanganyika Territory Mauritius Nyasaland Protectorate Northern Rhodesia Southern Rhodesia South Africa Union of South Africa South West Africa Basutoland Bechuanaland Protectorate Swaziland	Zanzibar Protectorate Egypt Aden Palestine and Transjordan British India (including British Indian Post Offices on the Persian Gulf, in French India and in Tibet, but excluding Portuguese India) Ceylon Seychelles Burma	Malaya Federated Malay States (Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor) Unfederated Malay States (Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis, Trengganu, Brunei) Straits Settlements North Borneo Sarawak

In February 1938 Canada joined EAMS with the rate exchange of six cents per half ounce for a first class letter and four cents for postcards. The old service rate of three cents per ounce for first class letters, six cents for domestic air mail and two cents for postcards was discontinued, and as a result postcards were often sent short paid.

Page 10 of the *Canada Post Office Guide 1938-1939* shows the countries and rates that applied to the EAMS.

Canadian postcards with the EAMS rate are exceedingly difficult to find and even harder are postcards that are *not* short paid

Shown below is a 2¢ prepaid postcard from Vancouver to South Africa, added is the 2¢ 1927 Fathers of Confederation stamp to bring the total to the proper 4¢ rate. The card was mailed on Mar 1 taking the first official flight between Vancouver and Montreal and arrived on Mar 2 in Montreal (receiver on back). It then would have taken a ship to Southampton in Great Britain then onward by an Imperial Airways Flying Boat and routed through Marseille, Rome, Brindisi, Athens, Alexandria, Khartoum, Port Bell, Kisumu then switched to a non-flying boat plane through Nairobi, Mbeya and finally to Cape Town.



The second EAMS postcard (see page 7) is from British Columbia to New Zealand. Australia and New Zealand joined the EAMS in July 1938 and since the program effectively ended on Sep 1939 this rate was only in effect approximately 14 months. This card was cancelled May 28 on the Royal Train at 6pm which was en route near Sicamous, British Columbia. On that date and time there are only five known covers, so this is the sixth piece of mail and only known postcard.

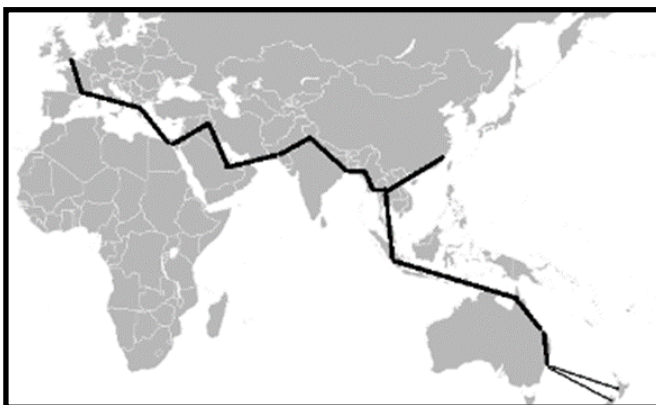
The card was short paid 2¢ and shows a tax mark of 20 centimes which is paid with a 2d postage due stamp in New Zealand.

The card is also stamped with the post office handstamp **“PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE LETTER RATE FROM CANADA IS SIX CENTS PER HALF OUNCE”** which is the correct rate for a first class letter but incorrect for a postcard.

You can watch the ceremonial signing and start of the inaugural flight on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qj3kwR4zECI>

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This map gives a general look at the new Australia/New Zealand route, but without city names.

Check your collection for postcards using the Empire Air Mail Scheme. You may have a rare postcard rate.

► Members Write — Mike Street OTB

*Editors Note: A question was raised regarding the rate for the cover shown in Figure 11 (page 14) of Post and Mail Issue # 40 *see below)*

Hi John:

Thanks for the date. Here's what I have found:

According to *Robert C Smith and Anthony S Wawrukiewicz in Canada Domestic and International Postal Rates and Fees 1870 – 1999*, The US Clipper airmail rate from Canada to unoccupied China (the Japanese left Shanghai on 15 August 1945) via San Francisco was 75¢ per quarter ounce from "11/45" and then 60¢ per quarter ounce from "1/46". I know that 60¢ per quarter ounce was the rate until 1 November 1946. 31 December 1945 was close enough to "1/46" that the post office could have let the item go through at the new rate. Bottom line - I think *Gary Steele* was right, your cover was paid at the double rate.

Mike



Commercial Paquebot Mail aka Consignee Mail

by Jonathan Johnson OTB

The term “paquebot” comes from the French version of the English “packet-boat”, used to identify ships carrying mail. Paquebot mail is mail posted on board a ship, usually by passengers or crew on an ocean liner, while a ship is on the high seas. The ship’s Purser would deliver this mail to the official post office in the next port of call. Markings placed on the covers are not postmarks but cachets applied on board the ship. A “paquebot cancel” is a particular postmark used to cancel the cover’s stamps by the Post Office of the receiving country at the port. For reasons not known to the author, these commercial paquebot covers occasionally receive a regular town or city postmark instead of a paquebot cancel.

While researching the movement of mail to and from Canadian merchant seamen during WWII, the author came across a few paquebot covers which were unusual because they were delivered to the Post Office from freighters. As these freighters generally did not have passengers on board to send notes or postcards to family and friends, commercial covers mailed on the high seas are different from typical paquebot covers.

Consignee covers are identified by being addressed to a business and have a return address of a shipping broker or a shipping company. Some covers have cachets that name the ship. Consignee covers normally carry a Bill of Lading listing the goods on board the ship destined for the addressee. These covers were not posted on the high seas in the normal sense. Rather, they accompanied the ship and cargo across the ocean. The shipping broker for these goods would put the bill of lading in the envelope and apply domestic first-class postage of the country in which the ship was registered. The envelope was then hand delivered to the ship’s Purser or Captain, who would combine the consignee covers with other mail posted on board for delivery to the Post Office at the destination port of call. Consignee covers probably made up most of the mail delivered to port of call Post Offices from freighters.

The author has seen consignee covers ranging from 1928 to 1959. Shown herewith are four consignee covers from the King George VI era.

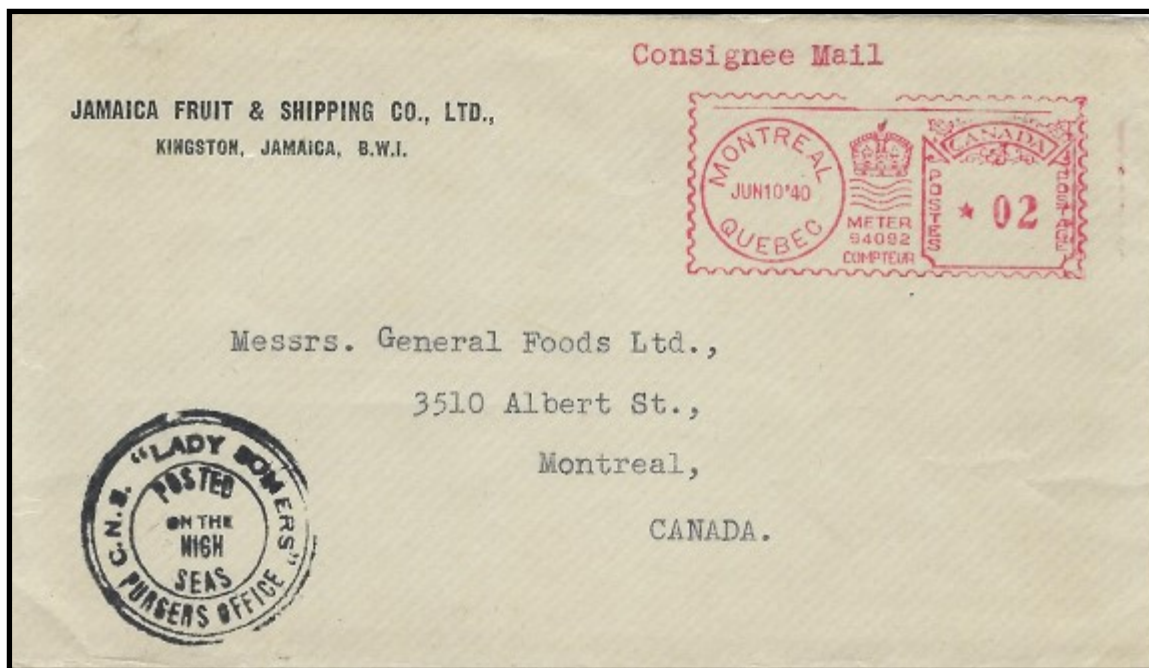


Fig 1. Consignee cover from Kingston, Jamaica, to Montreal, PQ., with Canadian National Steamship’s *Lady Somers* cachet and typed “Consignee Mail”. Unusual paquebot cover carried without postage. Local drop letter postage of 2c paid in Montreal by Pitney Bowes Model JD Crown Design meter machine #94092, dated 10 June 1940. Meter #94092 is recorded as belonging to Canadian National Express Company at Montreal, Canadian National Steamship’s head office. Addressed to Messrs. General Foods Ltd., Montreal.

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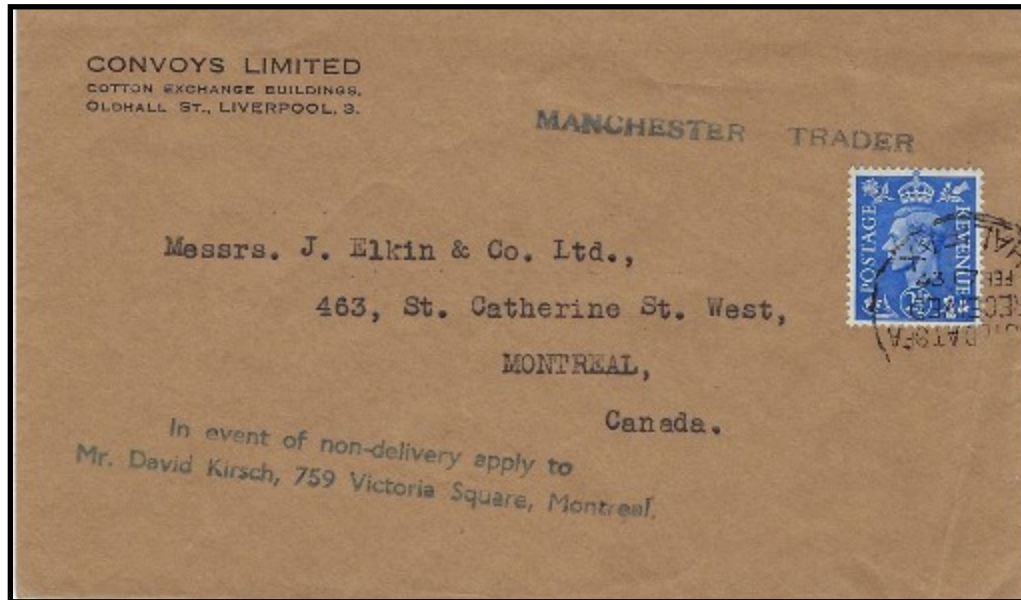


Fig 2. Consignee cover from Liverpool, England, to Montreal, PQ, with SS *Manchester Trader* and Canadian non-delivery address cachets. British postage cancelled by Halifax 21 Feb 43 paquebot postmark (year inverted), the day that ships from westbound Convoy ON 164 arrived at Halifax. Addressed to Messrs J. Elkin & Co., Montreal. The Mr. Kirsch named in the non-delivery cachet was the Canadian agent for shipping broker Convoys Limited

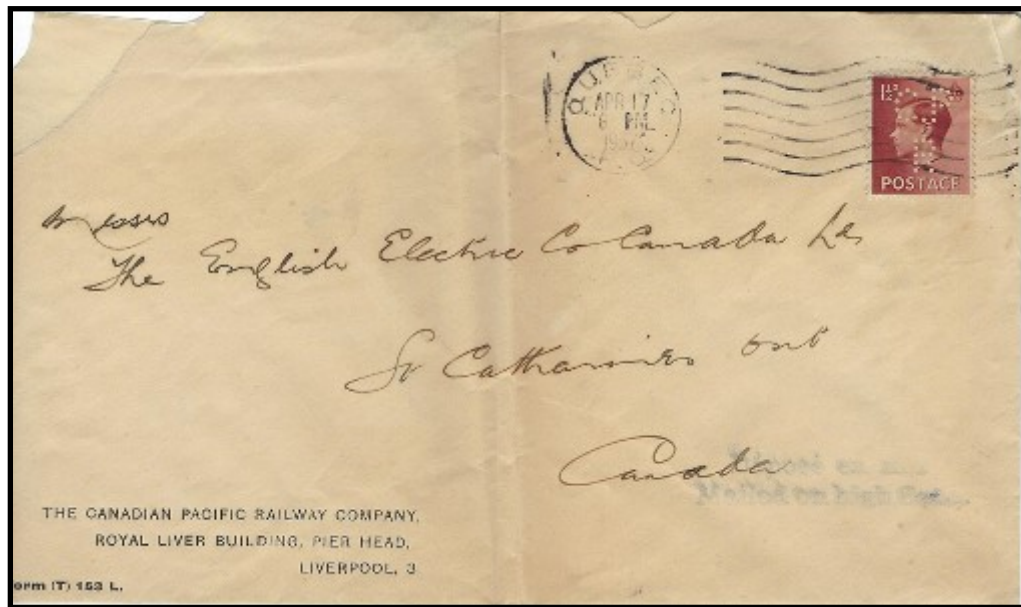


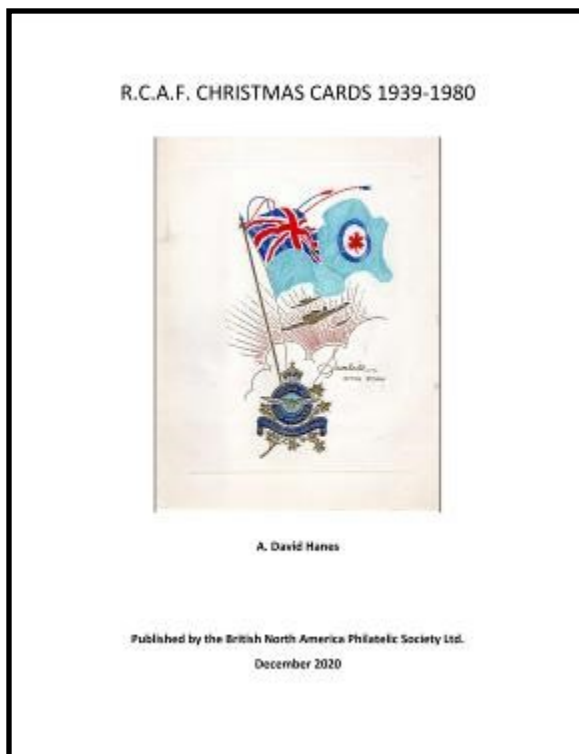
Fig 3. Consignee cover from London, England, to St. Catharines, Ont., with Quebec, P.Q. 17 Apr 1937 postmark and bilingual cachet “Déposé en mer / Mailed on high Seas”. Per newspaper listing, the ship was the Canadian Pacific Railway’s (CPR) *Duchess of Bedford*. The postage stamp is perforated with the Liverpool CPR perfin. The cover is CPR stationery and is addressed to The English Electric Co Canada Ltd.



Fig 4. Consignee cover from Manchester Liners, Manchester, England, to Milltown, NB with Montreal, PQ, 22 Aug 1949 postmark, carried to Montreal aboard SS *Manchester Progress*. The postage stamp is perforated with a ML perfin. The cover is Manchester Liners stationery with the company name on the reverse. If undelivered the cover was to be sent to Furness, Withy & Co, the Manchester Liners agent in Montreal.

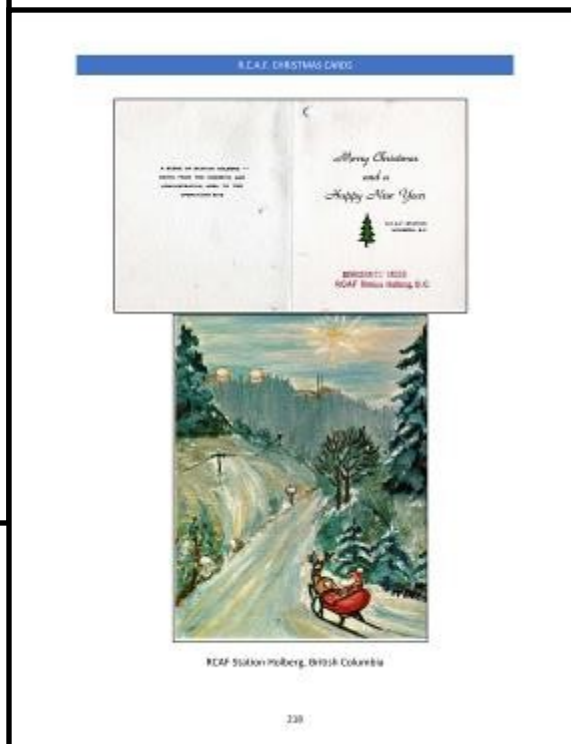
Acknowledgments: Thanks to *Luc Frève* and *Mike Street* for their help in determining the name of the ship which carried the cover in Figure 4.

► R.C.A.F Christmas Cards 1939-1980 by David Hanes



The first chapter (80+ pages) of the Hanes book shows different cards sent from WWII BCATP - British Commonwealth Air Training Plan - stations. There are 273 different cards shown in the book; 121 of these cards have images of RCAF aircraft over the years (not 120 different aircraft). The book is 290 colour pages. Price is \$64.00Cdn

Books can be ordered through **Longley Auctions**.



8c Peace Issue Farm Scene Usages

By Ingo Nessel

The 8c Peace definitive issue is an anomaly, as there was no easily identifiable 8c rate in Canadian postal tariffs at its time of issue September 16, 1946. Thus, finding commercial covers with legitimate usage of this stamp is a little more challenging than the other values of the Peace set. Single usage is especially scarce. One example is domestic letter triple rate of 4c for the first oz. and 2c for each additional oz. (figure 1). 16c franking with a pair of 8c is possible for the domestic letter double rate (4c plus 2c) and registry fee for up to \$25 indemnity of 10c (figures 2 & 3). You can also find some more exotic usages such as Money Order Commission fee on C.O.D. items (figures 4 & 5). I am still looking for single usage of this one! Another exotic usage comes in combination with the 17c Air Express Delivery for a total franking of 25c. The rate is composed of 15c per ¼ oz airmail letter to Europe plus 10c Special Delivery fee (figure 6).



Figure 1
1947 Eight cents triple rate franking.

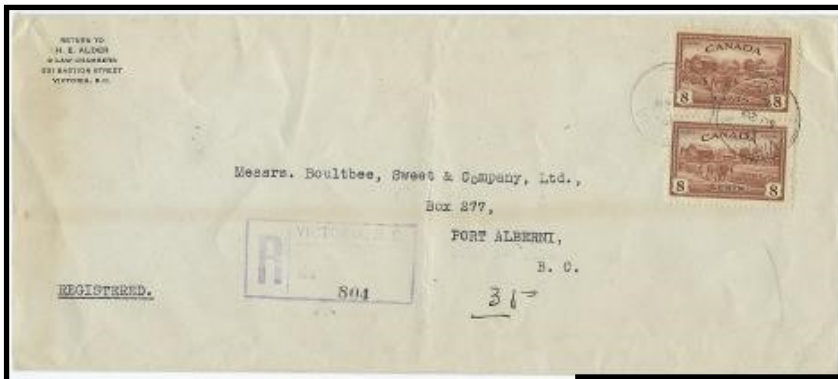
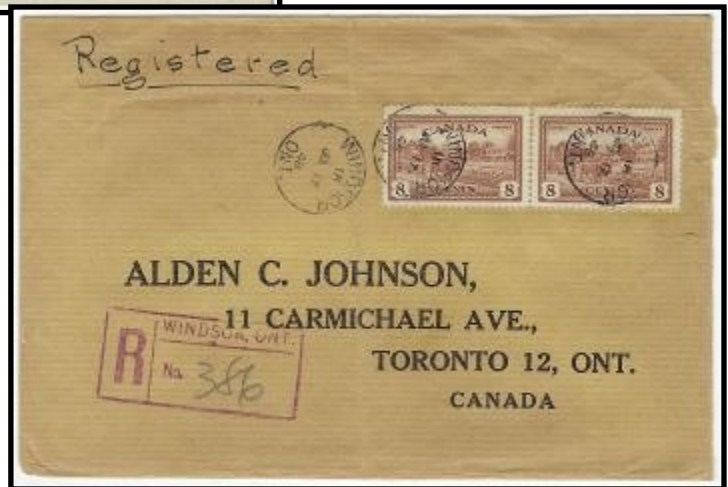
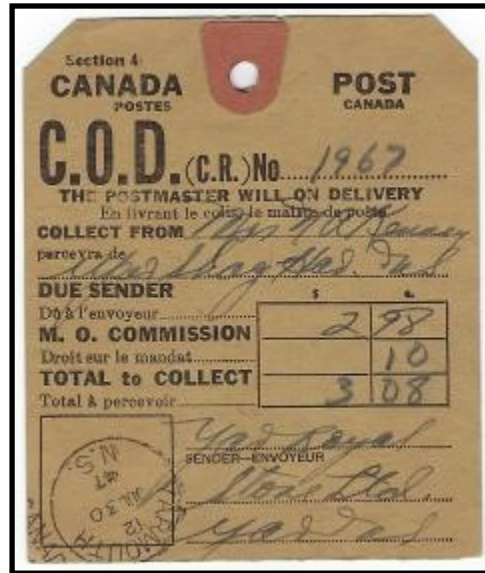


Figure 2
1947 Sixteen cents franking,
domestic double weight rate
plus registration.

Figure 3
1948 Sixteen cents franking, domestic
double rate plus registration.





Figures 4 and 5
1947 COD Tag

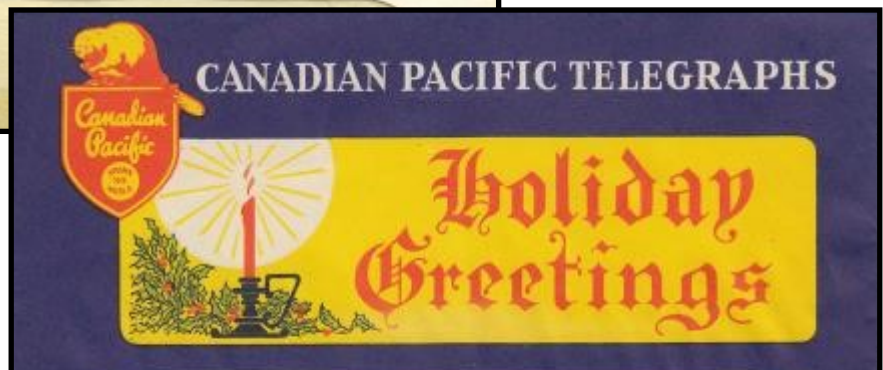


Figure 6
1948 Air mail Special delivery to the UK.

► Holiday Greetings from Gary Steele

Editor's Notes: Below and on Page 13 are examples of the very colourful Holiday covers used for telegraph messages in days gone-by. This is just a sampling of Gary's collection of telegraph Holiday covers.





Christmas Greetings from Canadian and German POW's to Home

By John Cranmer

Just because they were POWs either Canadians in Germany or Germans in Canada Christmas still happened and some post cards were produced for them to send home.

Item1 (front and back) is a card that was printed by the YMCA from drawings done by German POWS. This example was sent to Germany and has the normal BASE APO machine cancellation. The sender was a soldier held in Camp 133 - most likely he was from the Africa Korps but that cannot be confirmed.

Item 2 (front and back) is from Stalag VIII B addressed to his family by a Corporal Ponting. I do not know where the design for this came from but the message is printed on the card. I just have to assume that Ponting was a Canadian - Perhaps captured at Dieppe but I am still trying to find details.

The numbers are their POW numbers, not their service numbers.

Does anyone have any information regarding Corporal G. L. Ponting?

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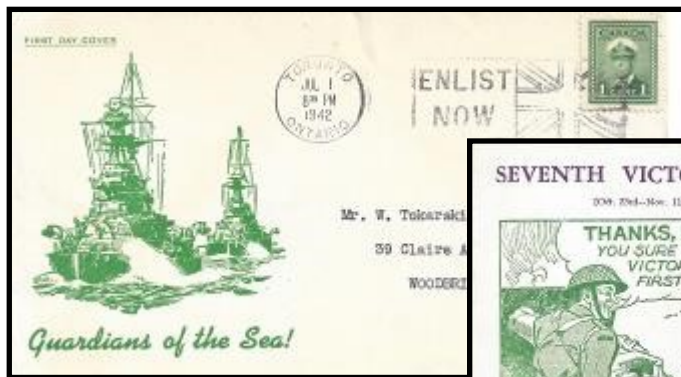
Item 2



► Study Group Zoom meeting

On November 21, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. EST we held our first virtual meeting using the Zoom platform. Thirty seven invitations were sent out and 22 members and guests participated in the meeting. After the meeting two of our guests asked to join the Study Group. Please see page two. Again we welcome Leigh Hogg and Jean-Pierre Pare!

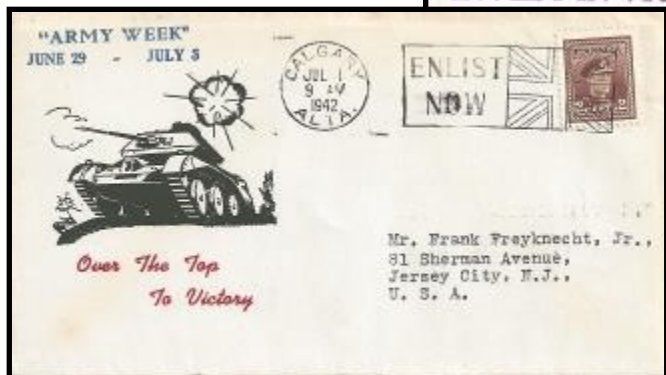
Eldon Godfrey, OTB presented a very interesting program. “World War II Patriotic Cachets and Slogans”. Below, please see some examples from the presentation.



Cover celebrating Canada’s naval effort.
 Enlist now slogan.



Cover encouraging Canadians to invest in the War Effort.



Army Week, June 29 to July 8, 1942.
 Enlist now slogan

After the presentation there was a lively discussion regarding the Study Group and the future of Zoom meetings .

Members were encouraged to submit articles for Post and Mail, but also to ask questions, and comment on articles. Please let us know what you would like to see in future Newsletters and Zoom presentations. How often should we have Zoom meetings? The consensus was that these should be about every two months.

Stephen Prest commented further on how members could record and share their Philatelic knowledge with current and future members.

Many of us are members of other BNAPS study groups such as Military Mail, Postal Stationery, etc. which “cross over” with King George VI era. Stephen also indicated that members could become reporters submit periodic reports on KG VI related activities or articles with their favourite “cross over” publications. These could then be published in future Post and Mail newsletters. For more on this subject please see the recent issue of the Herald Dispatch, Vol 1, No. 5 issued December 2020.

In addition to our main Zoom presentation, members can prepare Power Point or PDF presentations on a new discovery, and interesting cover etc. If you do not know how to do Screen Sharing, simply send you presentation to your Editor at kwlemke@sympatico.ca who will do it for you.

There is no doubt that Zoom meetings will continue once we return to normal They are not only a way for members from around the globe to participate but to increase the exchange of information. We had members from all across Canada, the USA, one from the U.K. and one from New Zealand.

► **Member's Sale Corner**

Pre-cancel plate blocks, pre-cancel varieties and pre-cancels on cover wanted: Gary Steele, is willing to trade for anything he has listed on E-bay under Sportster.

Dead Letter Office Covers - All Issues Gary is also looking for DLO covers for the 1937 - 52 period.

KGVI Covers with Foreign Postage Dues Gary is also interested in underpaid Canadian covers to foreign destinations charged/marked Postage Due and paid with foreign dues or regular stamps. Gary can be reached by email

► **Members' Wants**

Peace Issue Rates and Destinations Mike Street is looking for Peace Issue Stamps (Sc #s 268-273, C9, CE 3-4 and E11) on mail to China and the American Pacific (Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, Philippines) up to June 1952 but especially Sept 16-Nov 15/1946. Also Parcel post anywhere, legitimate paquebot and unusual foreign destinations, including Russia and components of the USSR from 1946 to June 1952.

Wanted

World War II Patriotic Postage Meter Slogans.

Contact Steve Friedenthal at sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

Members

Your Want Ad or For Sale List Could be Here

Contact Ken at kwlemke@sympatico.ca

► **Members' Wants**

Covers Wanted Eldon Godfrey is seeking "Mail Suspended Service" and "Foreign Exchange Control Board" covers. His e-mail address is ecg@godfrey-godfrey.ca

KG VI Patriotic Covers Bill Verbruggen is assembling a collection of KG VI Patriotic Covers for the purpose of studying the Postmarks used. He's interested in corresponding with study group members who can assist him with:

- * Postmarks used during the KG VI era
- * Cachets produced during the era.
- * Any references pertaining to the above mentioned subject.

His e-mail address is verbill@dccnet.com

George VI Postes-Postage production materials

Peter Kritz is asking for members' help in locating any production materials for the George VI Postes-Postage or withdrawn issues including any press releases or correspondence they may have for these issues. Also looking for #285 Plate #4 UR. Peter can be contacted by email at pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com

Postmarks on KG VI wanted Patrick Moore in Bonn, Germany, is looking for a nice large collection or collections of clear and readable postmarks on KG VI stamps. Geographic diversity rather than scarcity is important. His e-mail address is patrick.moore@snafu.de

1949 - 51 Postes-Postage Greg Spring is looking for in period postal history items featuring the last Canada KGVI issues incl. overprints postally used to destinations outside of Canada and the US particularly, dated 1949 but no later than Feb 6, 1952 (the King's death). Greg can be contacted by email at g.m.spring@asch.co.uk.

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