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From the Editor: Just a reminder, I need articles for the January Newsletter and beyond. I have nothing in the way of Member articles in the Bank. Please consider writing something: a recent acquisition, a favourite cover, a favourite stamp issue, etc. Also, if you have something you would like to present at one of our ZOOM sessions, please let me know, and I will schedule a meeting.

If you have any memories about CA Stillions that you would like to share, please forward to me ASAP for inclusion in the next newsletter.

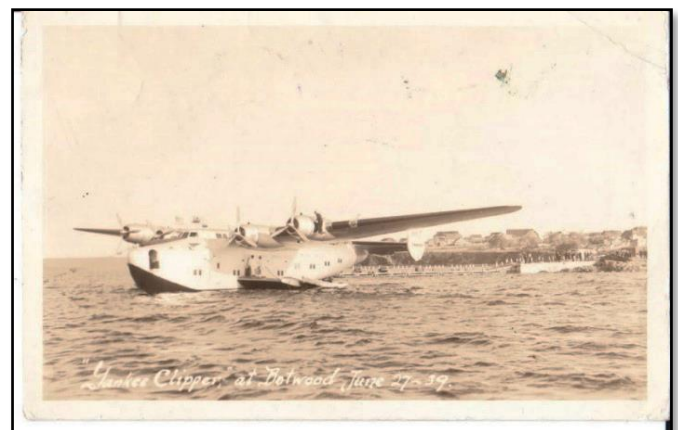
C.A. Stillions

To C.A.'s colleagues and friends The Stillions family is saddened to announce that C.A. Stillions passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 10, 2024. His health had apparently been declining in recent weeks. Certainly, his greatest passion was his love of philately, its related history and the joy he found in those unexpected "finds" and unique discoveries. As you may know, he took great pride in exhibiting his dearest pieces and sharing this zeal--having been awarded many accolades for his efforts at various U.S. and Canadian annual conferences. Over decades, he cherished attending regular stamp meetings and conferences--not only for the benefit of displaying his wares, but also and most particularly to visit with his fellow, dedicated stamp collectors whose friendships he so valued. At this time, the family does not have immediate plans identified. If you would like to contact us, we will provide information for any potential memorial gathering in the future. Thank you for being part of his life. Eric Stillions Emily Stillions Diane Bessette

From Chris Hargreaves: I found Gareth's postcard from Botwood in the October newsletter intriguing. Although it shows a Pan American flying boat, it was not flown on one: It is franked 3 cents, which was the surface rate for a postcard to Europe. (Air mail was 30 cents.) The last Pan Am flight to Europe passed through Botwood on October 4th, 1939, and returned westward through Botwood on October 10th. (Source: *Pan American Airways 1939-1944 - Atlantic Wartime Operations Catalog* by David Crotty.) The Imperial Airways flights finished earlier at the end of September.)

The RELEASED BY CENSOR handstamp is very unusual and would have been applied in England. - There is a reference to it in

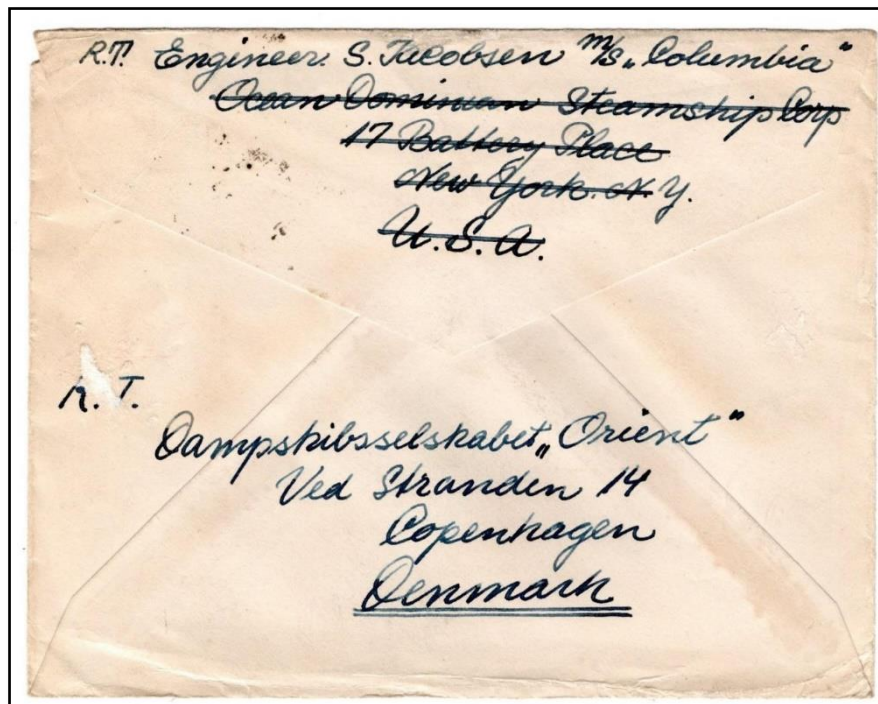
[World War II - United Kingdom Censorship](http://www.postalcensorship.com/examples/ww2uk/c_ww2civil_uk.html)
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I've found this cover in my collection from the sender of Gareth's postcard. The address on the back explains why he was in Botwood and how he got there:



According to NSSC the franking of 13 cents is correct for a double weight foreign letter (7c + 4c).