



## THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

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### HELP!

Dean Mario needs help in identifying the mute cancellation illustrated in figure 1. The cancellation is on a piece of buff paper over a 2¢ King George VI, Scott #245. The letters "w Year" are in red as well as the lines and the letter "D" is in green.

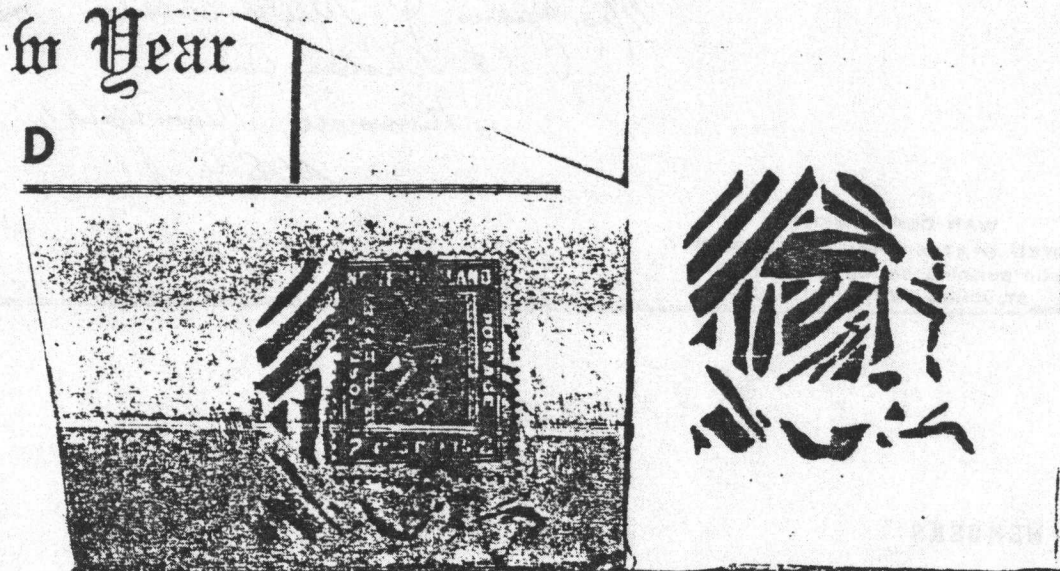


Figure 1

In your editors collection there is a cover with a similar, maybe even the same, cancellation, see figure 2. Your editor believes the cover was mailed somewhere in Newfoundland, not necessarily from St. John's, in the fall of 1940. James Mulholland was a member of the U. S. Army survey team sent to Newfoundland to survey sites for the lend-lease bases. Other covers from the same correspondence are known posted from Stephenville Crossing as well as St. John's.

Anyone able to identify this cancellation is asked to send the information to Dean Mario, P. O. Box 342, M. P. O., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3L3 or to your editor.

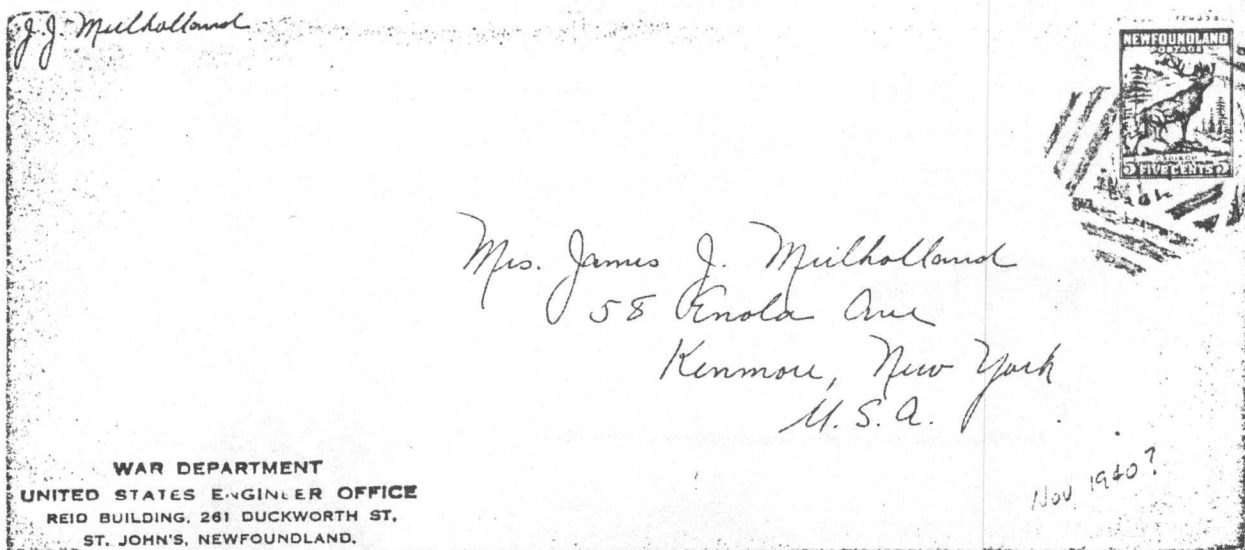


Figure 2

#### NEW MEMBERS

James H. Luetje, 16640 Killdeer Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20855

#### LOST MEMBERS

It is my sad duty to report the death of another of our founding members of our Study Group. John J. Gray died on 11 November 1988 of cancer. He was the first overseas BNAPS member to respond to the initial call to form a Newfoundland Study Group. John will be missed. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his widow, Janet.

*John; remember he phoned on one morning from England & asked for catalog as he was dying.*

#### MOVING MEMBERS

David Piercey, 96 Brown Close, Red Deer, Alberta, CANADA T4R 1K4.

Isaac Oelgart, 24 School Street, Apt. 12, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

#### COMING EVENTS

Spring and Fall 1989, R. Maresch & Son of Toronto will sell at public auction the Newfoundland and other BNA collections of John S. Siverts.

BNAPLEX'89, September 22-24, 1989, Sheraton Hotel. Hamilton, Ontario, annual convention and exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society

#### INFOFINDER

There still are a number of copies available of Bob Pratt's INFOFINDER, the index to his book THE NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDLAND. If you do not have one, you can get one by sending your check to me, C. A. Stillions, 5031 Eskridge Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20016. The price is \$5.00US to study group members or \$7.00 to nonmembers. Remember, Bob is donating all profits from the sale of the INFOFINDER to the study group.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Postal Stationery:** A review of the postal stationery listings in the Walsh and Butt NEWFOUNDLAND SPECIALIZED STAMP CATALOGUE is in the January 1989 issue of POSTAL STATIONERY NOTES, the newsletter of the BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group. Editor: Robert Lemire, Box 549, Pinawa, Manitoba R0E 1L0.

**Re-entries:** The lead article in the January/February 1989 newsletter of the Canadian Re-entry Study Group concerns the re-entry on the 14¢ Newfoundland Dog of the 1937 Coronation Issue, Scott #238. Information can be obtained from Ralph Trimble, P.O. Box 532, Station A, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 5C3.

## BOXED AND OVAL CANCELLATION UPDATE

Palmer Moffat reports the following on the Boxed and Oval Cancellation study.

A new office has been reported by John Forrest in the serrated oval group:

NAIN, NFLD	Post Office/Date/Town
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Please add "NFLD" to these double oval offices:

AGUATHUNA
FORTUNE HARBOR
HAMPDEN

When the original listing of Newfoundland offices was published in the early newsletters, I requested reports for "missing years." Brian Noble has just reported such years for 15 offices, mostly for the years 1942 and 1946. Thank you, Brian.



NEWFOUNDLAND LATE ISSUES; RESEARCH BY DEREK PAUL  
updated  
13 November 1988

FIVE CENT CARIBOU DIE I

WATERLOW AND SONS' PLATE 42078

Printings March 1943, March 1944; perforation 12 1/2 line.

The printers' sheet positioning marks on this plate differ appreciably from the other Waterlow plates of the five cent caribou, being longer and finer. The characteristics are sufficient to identify the plate, while the lengths of the marks are decisive for this purpose. The marks placed within the area spanned by the stamps (that is, not including the selvage) have the following lengths, measured inward from the line of outer framelines:

			Pl. 42078	Pl. 41419
Between positions	5 and 6:		4.1 mm	2.7 mm
"	"	41 and 51:	4.2 mm	2.7 mm
"	"	50 and 60:	3.7 mm	---
"	"	95 and 96:	4.9 mm	2.9 mm

The lengths for the earlier Waterlow plate 41419 are given for contrast; so far there has been no opportunity to measure between positions 50 and 60 on that plate. The cross at the centre of the sheet is also fine and extends beyond the outer framelines of the stamps as follows:

			Pl. 42078	Pl. 41419
Upward between positions	45 and 46:		0.75mm	0.2 mm
To left	"	45 and 55:	0.9 mm	0.2 mm
To right	"	46 and 56:	0.8 mm	0.0 mm
Downward	"	55 and 56:	0.6 mm	0.3 mm

The accuracies of these measurements are not better than 0.1 mm.

About 61 positions on this plate show re-entries along one or more horizontal framelines, usually at the bottom. Many of them are very minor. In a few, doubling of some shading lines is also apparent. In the list below, re-entries are indicated by the symbols rt to indicate the top framelines, rb to indicate the bottom, o or i to indicate outer or inner framelines and \*2 to indicate both inner and outer framelines: incomplete re-entries -- that are not continuous across the entire width -- are indicated (i). Examples: rb\*2 means that both bottom framelines are doubled, whereas rbo, rbi(i) means that both are doubled but only part of the inner one is doubled.

The re-entry at position 70 is the astonishing example having four doubly angled corners; it was illustrated several years ago in a BNAPS Re-entry Study Group newsletter.

Plate faults are also described in the following listing, but without general regard to whether they occur in sheets of the first (1943) or second (1944) printings, or both. It would be extremely difficult to obtain a complete description of this plate for each printing because the usage was very spread out in time, so that the dates of cancels do not indicate the printing except when the date precedes the second printing (March 1944) -- not many cancels on this plate are that early. Some faults attributable to this plate, and unlisted here, do not yet have assigned positions. One can say that such faults are not constant, since two full sheets of this plate have already been examined.

posi- tion	description
2	rb*2
4	rbi
5	Horizontal streak from foreleg to tree (1944 printing only?)
6	Fine mark in middle of C of CENTS
7	Dot above antler under E of POSTAGE; [streak under neck -- extremely weak and not constant **
9	Tiny dot in margin below left 5; [streak under neck -- extremely faint and unconfirmed]
11	rbo(i) Streak(s) from top of tall tree at left toward antlers; streak in top of first N of NEWFOUNDLAND; dots near frame opposite mouth
12	rbo, ri(i)
13	rbo(i)
14	rbo(i)
15	Inclined diamond, or comma, in right margin above 5, reaching halfway to position 16
16	see 15
17	rbo(i) Streak left of second treetop from right
18	rbo, rbi(i) [Dot between lower jaw and right framelines]
19	rbo, rbi(i) Irregular streak in selvedge left of position 21
21	rbo
22	rb*2
23	rb*2
24	rbi(i)
25	Aysh@@
27	rb*2(i)
28	rb*2
29	rb*2(i) Very faint mark in margin below N of CENTS
31	rb*2 Mark in margin below CE of CENTS; streak from right 5 into margin
32	rbo, rbi(i)
33	rb*2(i)
34	rb*2
37	rbo(i)
38	rbo
39	rb*2
40	rb*2
41	Tiny dot in margin below gap between S and 5
42	rbo(i) Tiny dot above shoulder
43	rbo(i) Tiny mark by mane (not constant)

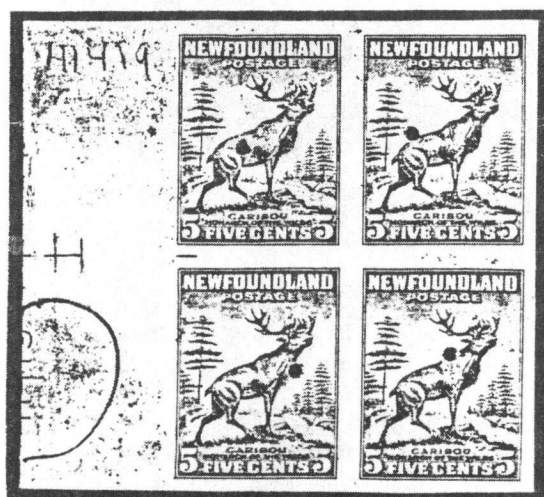
- 45 rbo(i)  
48 rb\*2 Tiniest dot in margin below T of CENTS (not constant)  
49 rb\*2  
50 bb\*2  
Selvedge to left of position 51: at least five dots below +  
51 rb\*2 Striated streak through left framelines at level of  
top of tall tree; streak below E of CENTS -- see position 61  
52 rb\*2  
53 rb\*2(i)  
54 rbo, rbi(i)  
55 Slightly curved streak up from top of small tree at left  
through the two lowest branches of tall tree; dot above back,  
level with shoulder; sometimes hairpin under belly  
56 Tiny dot in margin above right bar of U of NEWFOUNDLAND; two  
faint and tiny dots in margin below C of CENTS  
58 rb\*2(i)  
59 rbo(i), rbi  
60 rb\*2 (almost complete)  
61 rb\*2(i) Streak in margin above U of NEWFOUNDLAND to below E  
of CENTS at position 51; streak at 25 degrees to vertical / from  
middle branch of small tree at left to lowest branch of tall tree  
62 rb\*2  
63 rb\*2  
64 rb\*2  
65 Nearly vertical streak 2 mm long beneath P of POSTAGE  
67 Dot in margin under F of FIVE 0.9 mm below frameline  
68 rb\*2 Dot 0.8mm right of lower jaw  
70 Twisted frame variety: all four corners appear to be printed  
twice at two different angles; all horizontal and vertical  
lines near the bottom right corner are doubled  
71 rb\*2 Streak in lowest branch of tall tree at left towards  
right and up at 20 degrees to horizontal; similarly inclined  
very fine streak from tall tree at right through framelines  
extending 3/4 of way to 72, sometimes to tall tree in 72  
72 rb\*2 Fine streak from left framelines upward at 20 degrees  
to horizontal toward P of POSTAGE; continuation of streak from  
71; very faint parallel streaks in WF and in E of NEWFOUNDLAND  
-- all at similar angle to horizontal  
74 rb\*2(i) Tiny mark in margin under extreme right of left 5  
1.3 mm below frameline -- often obscured by perforation hole  
75 Aysh@@  
77 Small curved streak 3.4 mm left of ear  
78 rb\*2  
79 rb\*2  
80 rb(i)  
81 rb\*2 (almost complete) with some doubling of shading lines  
near bottom. Small streak in upper right of 1st D of  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
82 rb\*2 with doubling of shading lines up to top of CENTS  
83 rb\*2 (incomplete and very weak) Marks - - in margin 0.5 mm  
under C of CENTS  
84 rb\*2(i) Tiny mark 0.3 mm right of nose  
85 Tiny mark in right margin 0.5 mm below POSTAGE  
86 Mark in right margin under C of CENTS close to frameline  
87 Aysh@@ Tiny mark 0.9 mm right of nose  
88 rb(i)



- 89 rb\*2 Faint mark 0.4 mm below framelines under C of CENTS;  
tiny mark in bottom margin below space between S and 5; another  
in right margin 1 mm higher than 5; diagonal streak from perf  
holes at left down through to rump (not constant); faint  
broken streak up from third highest branch of tall tree at  
right through right framelines (not constant)
- 90 rb\*2(i)  
Selvedge left of position 91: streak 6 mm left of frameline  
Selvedge below position 91: streak 4.6 mm below frameline
- 91 rbi(partial, right)
- 93 rb\*2 Large dot over rocks above L of WILDS  
Selvedge below position 96: mark under C of CENTS 4.6 mm below  
frame; conspicuous vertical string of dots below T of CENTS from  
3 to 5.2 mm below frameline
- 95 Aysh@@
- 96 rto(from corner to F)  
Selvedge below position 99: mark under C of CENTS 4.6 mm below  
frameline
- 99 Streak / in right-hand margin at level of nose halfway to  
position 100, often mostly punched out by perforation hole  
Selvedge below position 100: mark under C of CENTS 4.6 mm below  
frameline
- 100 rb\*2 Splotches in last N of NEWFOUNDLAND and below N closer  
to antler; see also position 99

\*\* nevertheless it occurs often enough to be established as a  
plate fault, not merely a printing flaw.

Aysh@@: these position numbers correspond to faults mentioned by  
Ayshford in "The Last Stamps of Newfoundland" (Robson Lowe 1978)  
and not yet identified by position in this work. The faults were  
in all likelihood corrected before printing.



Left Center Margin Plate  
Proof From Plate 41419



Left Center Margin Plate  
Proof From Plate 42078