

May 17, 1979

Dear Member:

220...Historic notes..further to Item 198 - same reference source

While item 198 listed those members of the Postal Corps attached to Divisional Headquarters the following is a list of the entire Postal Detachment of the First Canadian Contingent - B.E.F. (1914).

Lieutenant- Murray, K.A.
Caldwell, B.M.

<u>Regl. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Regl. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>
35204	Sergt.	Ross G.W.	35203	Private	Boyd W.A.
35211	Corpl.	Gow W.J.	35215	"	Chagnon F.H.
35208	"	McPherson D.V.	35210	"	Edwards L.
35214	"	Taggie F.A.	35213	"	Livingstone H.W.
35202	"	Wallis G.T.	35209	"	Murray T.H.
35206	Private	Baldock G.H.	35207	"	Smith C.G.
35216	"	Belanger J.H.	35205	"	Terry B.J.

Readers will notice the different regimental numbers, apparently for the same persons, recorded in items 198 and 220.

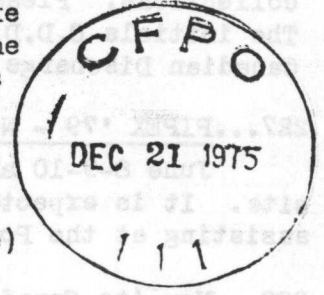
Reference is now made to the series of articles beginning in TOPICS of May 1964 entitled Historical Memorandum of the Canadian Postal Service with the Armies in France, Belgium and Germany 1914-1919. Part 12 states, in part under STAFF, quote " The authorized establishment of Post Offices and Staff at the end of the campaign comprised 31 Canadian Post Offices staffed by 4 Officers, 44 Non-Commissioned Officers and 108 men." unquote.

Further to the list of Postal Detachment personnel above it is of interest to note that Lieut. Murray reached the rank of Lieut. -Colonel and Corporal Gow that of Lieutenant. Part 13 records a S/Sgt H.W. Livingstone (presumably Private Livingstone in 1914) was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Lieut-Colonel Murray the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) in January 1919.

221...Two new reports - Trenton, Ontario and CFPO 111

The MPO No. 303 illustration is from a proofing book. A strike from this hammer has just been reported bearing the date NOV 28 1947. It is in lilac ink and measures approximately 32mm.

The CFPO 111 illustration is of an actual strike on a cover from Kuneitra, Syria (Golan Heights) one of the detachments operating in support of UNDOF (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) formed to supervise the truce on the Syrian front.



222...Straightline MPO markings - further to NL18/22 and 22/115

These markings were proofed on or about the dates shown:

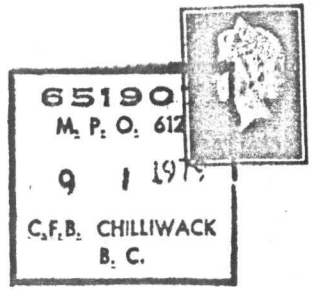
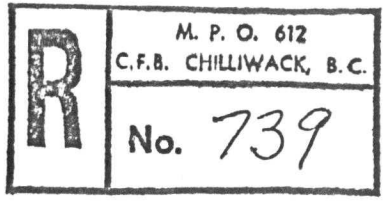
- Toronto M. P. O. 201 Ont. MAY 27 1941
- Toronto M. P. O. 204 Ont. JUL 10 1941
- PETAWAWA M. P. O. 305, ONT. APR 28 1941

223...FIELD POST OFFICE cancel and censor marking - Siberia - page 3

Readers are not "seeing double" as most will remember our item 214 showing a Siberian Expeditionary Force cover with censor mark O14. The present item bears the now familiar Field Post Office - Canadian cancel with indicia 1 plus the censor mark O12. To our knowledge this is the first reported usage of this censor mark. Again, owned by a Western Canada Group member, it, along with the previously featured cover, was first reported in January 1979 but just now being shown in the Group's Newsletters. Another remarkable addition to Canada's military mail story.

224...MPO 612 CFB Chilliwack, B.C.

CFB Chilliwack, B.C. is served now by MPO 612 with effective date January 8, 1979. Bill Robinson has supplied photocopies of 3 of their postal markings. The square POCON would be our type 8A with its number 651907, MPO number and name. Postal code is VOX 2E0.



225...The Lasting Honour - The Fall of Hong Kong, 1941.

A new book which readers may wish to read. Christmas Day, 1941 was a dark day for the British, Indian and Canadian troops in garrison at Hong Kong. The Royal Rifles of Canada and the Winnipeg Grenadiers were there. The author is Major Oliver Lindsay. Thomas Nelson and Sons, Canada; 226 pages, \$14.95.

Another book, recently found in a used book store which might be available from libraries is: Passport to Eternity by Ralph Goodwin. Printed in Great Britain by the firm of Morrison and Gibb Limited it was first published in 1956. Lieutenant-Commander Goodwin's story of life in a prisoner of war camp in Hong Kong.

226...REGISTERED oval type postal markings - WW1

Further to item 30 in Newsletter 11. Through the kindness of Reg A. Kingston and John Daynes, Forces Postal History Society, we can illustrate 2 examples of the subject marking. A third dated 12 MR 17 from Crowborough Camp is too faint to reproduce here. These markings are very scarce in Canada and in England so it would be of interest to know of others from the list which readers have in their collections. Please send a photocopy for use in a future Newsletter. The initials C.D.D. in the Shoreham-on-Sea handstamp stands for Canadian Discharge Depot.



227...PIPEX '79 - New Westminster, B.C.

June 8-9-10 are the dates of this show with the Royal Towers Hotel the exhibition site. It is expected that the CMSG will be well represented there with some members assisting at the Postal History seminar.

228...New (to Canadians) early date - Canadian Contingent cachet

Further to item 204. Since that item John Wannerton has reported 13 March 1900 as the earliest date in his collection. John also reports 19 December 1900 as the latest date of usage while Ed Richardson records 27 December in purple with pre-dated APO 55 cancel of December 20th.

223...FPO cancel and censor marking - 012

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CANADA

C.E.F. SIBERIA

1918 - 1919



Cancelled

PASSED BY CENSOR 012

POST CARD

from Russia

On Active Service

O.A.S.

APMCA

Dear Little Gladys

Just as line to let you know that Mr. Fata will soon come back to you. Best regards to all.

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Miss Gladys Swain
163 - Kennedy St.
Winnipeg Man
Canada

PASSED BY CENSOR 012

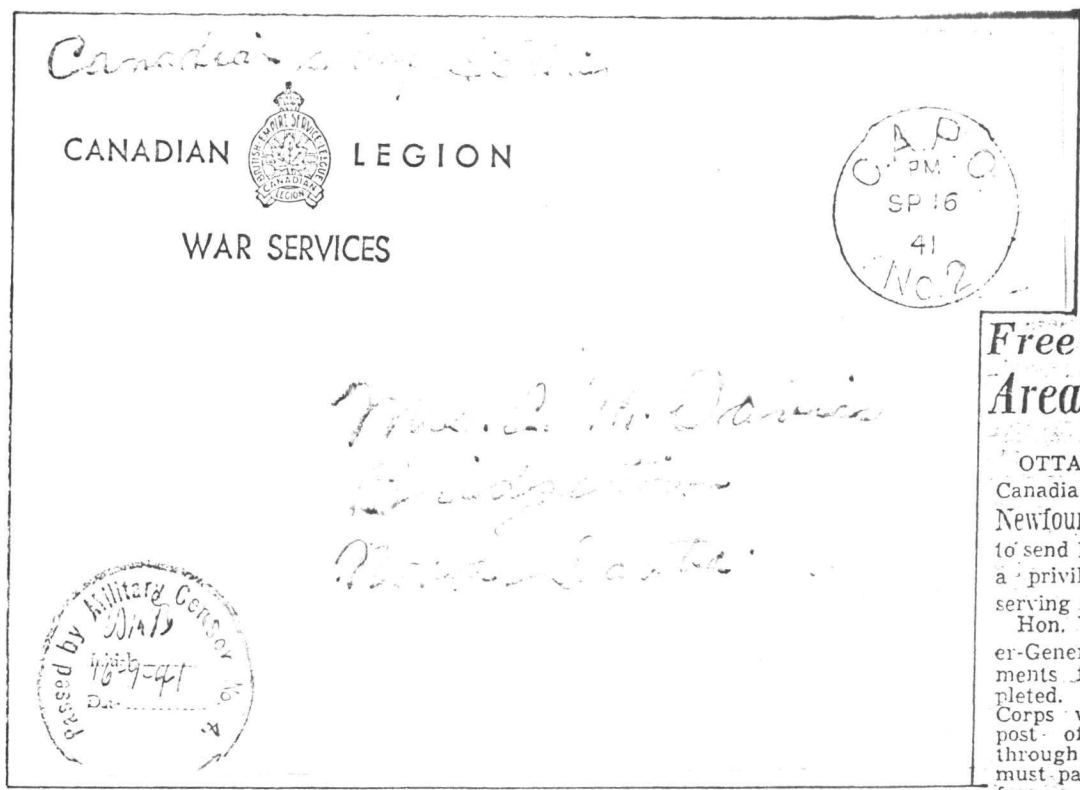
CARD FROM THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN SIBERIA, WRITTEN FEB. 10, 1919 TO WINNIPEG, MAN.

THE FIRST REPORTED USE OF "PASSED BY CENSOR 012" OCCURRED IN JAN. 1919.

229...FREE POSTAGE from Newfoundland - WW2

The newspaper clipping of June 19, 1941 brought good news to Canadian Servicemen who then were being paid approximately \$1.30 per day! The records show that St. John's, Gander and Botwood bases were the first to enjoy this free service. Handstamps for CAPOs 1, 2 and 3 were proofed August 29 and were in use as early as September 7. The accompanying illustration from Gander shows an early strike of SP 16 '41 with Military Censor's stamp No. 4. Can any reader report an earlier date from these CAPOs?

Canadian troops arrived at these 3 locations about 22 June 1940. CAPO 2 staff are recorded as being on duty in Newfoundland from Sep 41 to Jun 45.



proof strike

Free Postage Area Extended, 1941

OTTAWA, June 19—(C. P.)—Canadian soldiers stationed in Newfoundland will soon be able to send letters home postage free, a privilege enjoyed by troops serving in England.

Hon. W. P. Mulock, Postmaster-General, said today arrangements for this are being completed. The Canadian Postal Corps will soon establish field post offices in Newfoundland through which soldiers' mail must pass in order to be carried free.

230...Confirmation of dates of usage - further to Item 195

Bill Robinson reports having the following dates from appropriate units which confirm their usage as recorded in item 197. In item 186 it is noted that FPO numbers in brackets without question mark had not yet been seen but were known to have been allocated. Reg. Kingston to note, please.

FPO 10X on SEP 6 1916 and FPO 11X on AUG 24 1916

231...New mailing address - Wayne R. Curtis

P.O. Box 74, Postal Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 1A2

232...Ship - to - Shore Airmail Service of the 1920's by F.J. Hatch

A slight digression from the purely military leads us to the above article by Dr. Hatch an historian with the Directorate of History, D.N.D. The Canadian Geographical Journal carried the article in Summer/Fall 1978.

Ship-to-shore airmail service was started by the Canadian Post Office in 1927 to speed the delivery of overseas mail. Royal Canadian Air Force and civilian experimental flights went from Montreal, down the St. Lawrence to Rimouski where contact was made with incoming and outgoing ocean liners for the transfer of mail.

In 1932 a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper (HMCS Festubert) was involved out of Red Bay, Labrador where it would receive mail from an incoming liner and transfer it to an RCAF aircraft for the first leg of the journey to Ottawa, Ontario. It was anticipated that mail could be speeded up by 2 days.

Readers unable to obtain the Journal from their library may write Colin Campbell for further information.

233...Meter - Prisoner of War Mail - WW2

A Study Group member sent in a photocopy of this fine cover showing one of the scarce meter postal markings, our type 9B. Note the airmail rate of 30¢.

Information from NDEQ advises Camp 133 to have been at Lethbridge, Alberta opening November 1942, closing 30 June 1946. Barrack type lodging was supplied with a camp capacity of 12,500 persons, Other Ranks only.

Other P.O.W. Camp meters listed in R.W. Irwin's catalogue, Canadian Meter Postage Stamps are:

- 48008 POW 23 Monteith, Ontario
- 48009 POW 132 Medicine Hat, Alberta

The illustration shows a folding type form I.O. 17, second issue, with instructions to prisoners/internes in English, German, Italian and Japanese.

Photocopies of meters 48008/9 would be appreciated for inclusion in a future Newsletter.



234...Corrections and/or amendments to be made, please

- Newsletter 27 item 160 - add A making it 160A
- 28 " 179 - line 13, delete British and add Base
- 30 " 199 - for British camp datestamps used by the Canadian Army during World War One read British camp datestamps used on Canadian Army mail during World War One

235...THANKS

Member Sid Bedwell has photocopied this Newsletter giving Ed Harris a well earned rest from the task.

236...Articles needed

Now is the time to send in material for future Newsletters. Details concerning Prisoner of War camps in Canada during World War Two would be most welcome. This refers of course to the military mail aspect.

All for now, Sid, Ed, Ken + Colin.

