



March 19, 1979

Dear Member:



212...Survey of British Field Post Offices allocated to Canadian units in World War Two See also pages 4 to 8 inclusive.

This item brings us a larger group of postal markings than our recent coverage of those from World War One and provides a serious challenge to any reader looking for a specialty. Some study group members will be seeing this detailed listing for the first time so a few introductory remarks will be in order.

The British datestamps used by Canadians in England, Italy, North West Europe and elsewhere during WW2 have been studied quite recently with very useful handbooks being available in limited supply, however, to collectors. Two references stand out, one by the late Colonel Crouch and Norman Hill and the other by the late H.E. Guertin in his "The Wartime Mails and Stamps-1939-46". Others, too, have done considerable work in this area and we today enjoy the fruits of their labours.

Our member, Bill Robinson, aided by Reg. A. Kingston of the Forces Postal History Society in England, has prepared a comprehensive checklist for this Newsletter. Through study, members will become familiar with the many datestamps and be able to record their holdings and make notes which likely will follow.

We cannot do better than refer briefly to Guertin's book, part nine, for notes in connection with these cancellations.

The first usage of the British type datestamps can be shown as November 1939 when FPO 200 was used by the Canadian General Staff. A number of others made their debut in June 1940 and so it continued until approximately 200 datestamps became known with 6 of these being used even into 1947.

Some of these stamps remained at static locations but many "followed" the course of the war and their usage can be traced to a number of locations.

As stated in Major W.J. Bailey's handbook "Canadian Military Postmarks", the date of usage of all datestamps is important if one is to trace the location at which the stamp was used and the formation or unit in possession of the cancellor.

A knowledge of censor marks, orderly room stamps, naval, army and air force markings which frequently appear on covers is invaluable in determining the vital facts of interest to the military mail collector.

Please note this list deals only with the British type datestamps. The purely Canadian SC1, SC2 types proofed June 2, 1942 will follow at a later date. The C.P.C. No. column contains the CPC number for the office using the British datestamp. Good luck.

213...Vote of Appreciation

Members will agree that Ken Ellison has earned their vote as Group Treasurer and member in charge of mailing the bi-monthly Newsletter. Ken also does some of the correspondence. Merci beaucoup Ken.

214...FIELD POST OFFICE cancel and censor marking - SIBERIA

Group members are privileged to see, on page 2, an example of the elusive Siberian Expeditionary Force cancel and, for the first time anywhere, the PASSED BY CENSOR 014 handstamp. Owned by a Western Canada Group member these may be added to the listing in Newsletter 20, page 5. Note too the specially made Orderly Room stamp.

214. Field Post Office-Siberia

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CANADA

C.E.F.  
SIBERIA

1918  
1919



on active service.  
 259th Bn. Can. Rifles (Siberia)  
 FEB 15 1919  
 ORDERLY ROOM  
 FEB 15 1919  
 CENSOR 014  
 DAK BAY  
 VICTORIA B.C.  
 CANADA

*Dear Mr. Everett and everyone:  
 You must welcome me because  
 we today along with the 8th  
 at once want to thank you  
 for your prompt delivery  
 and will glad you like the snuff  
 altho' I myself certainly could  
 not have had my Sunday face on  
 that day, but all of you there  
 and make me feel glad to have  
 such good fellows. Still write you  
 with a few more to the 259th Bn.*

PASSED  
BY  
CENSOR  
014

212...cont'd. More on British Field Post Office survey

Please do not send in returns to this survey at this time. It will take some weeks/months for members to assemble their material (hopefully) and, perhaps, bring in by trade or purchase additional items in this area. Perhaps a year from now a survey will produce meaningful results.

215...Newsletters ad infinitum - well hardly

Our Treasurer advises non paid-up readers that Newsletter 31 will be the last one mailed to them.

216...New recruit and a change of address

A welcome to J.B. Dale, Box 675, Postal Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5P7. New address for G.M. Hill is 320 Silvergrove Bay, N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T3B 4R5.

217...Reference books recommended

The Battle For North Africa by John Strawson (1969). Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Printed in Great Britain.

The First Commonwealth Division by Brigadier C.N. Barclay (1954). Printed in Great Britain by Gale and Polden, Aldershot, Hampshire. Superior reference covering the British Commonwealth Land Forces in Korea, 1950-1953.

218...Further to item 206 survey - first report

CFPO	1B	1C	4F	4G	number reported	location	CFPO	1B	1C	4F	4G	number reported	location
25		*			3	Pusan, Seoul	30		*			1	Tochong
						Tochong	31		*			1	
26		*			1	Pusan	5000	*				3	
		*			1	Nippombara				*		2	large oval
27		*			4	Yongson							Postal
		*			1	Seoul							Tracing
				*	1	Seoul							Station
28		*			3		5003		*			1	Kure
29		*			3		1 Cdn						Vancouver
							Base					1	c.d.s.
													6/2/54

219...World War One and present day markings

A reader has sent photocopies of a censor marking from Kapuskasing, Ont. dated Jan 9, 1918 appearing on the front of the cover and the censor's receiving stamp which appears on the back. The former is not common while to our knowledge the latter is being shown for the first time? The bottom line reads, INTERNMENT STATION.

RECEIVED BY CENSOR  
 JAN 7 1918  
 KAPUSKASING  
 Internment Station



CFB Valcartier is served by the office named Courcelette, PQ. A machine cancel is illustrated thanks to Joe Purcell.

C.P.C. No.	PERIOD OF USE	LOCATION	FORMATION/UNIT	DOUBLE RING CDS	F.P.O. No.	C.P.C. No.	PERIOD OF USE	LOCATION	FORMATION/UNIT	DOUBLE RING CDS
11	Aug 41-Jan 45	Farnborough	Cdn Reinf Units		178		44 45	Italy		
50	Sep 42-Jun 46	London	RCAF HQ Overseas		210		Aug 44-Jul 45	Southampton	Port Det CP C	
60	Jun 43-Sep 45	Dalton	RCAF Stn		211	SC 801	Jul 44-Mar 46	London	Fleet Mail, RCN	
70	Apr 45-Jan 46	Warrington	RCAF Repat Depot		212	SC 802	Jul 44-Nov 45	Glasgow	Fleet Mail, RCN	
CA 1	Apr 44-Dec 45	N.Africa, Italy	1st Armd Bde		213	SC 803	Jul 44-Jun 45	Londonderry	Fleet Mail, RCN	
97	Oct 44-Jul 46	U.K.	427 Sqn RCAF		219		Oct 43-Dec 43		RCAF	
72	May 45-Feb 46	Paignton, Devon	RCAF Repat Depot		237	SC 31	Mar 44-Mar 46	Horley	12 & 24 Gen Hosp	
2	44	N.W.Europe	2nd Cdn Division		238	SC 32	Mar 44-Feb 46	Horley	9 Gen Hosp	
9	Mar 41-Jun 44	Colchester	Cdn Army		239	SC 33	Mar 44-Feb 46	Cuckfield Aldershot	13 Gen Hosp 5 Repat Depot	
10	Apr 41-Nov 45	Farnham	Cdn Reinf Units		240	SC 36	Mar 44-Oct 45	Aldershot	Roman Way Convalescent Hos	
	May 41-45	U.K.	Cdn O'seas P.D.		241	SC 66	Sep 43-Nov 45	Templeton	RCAF Stn.	
	May 41-44	U.K.			247	SC 5	Jun 40-May 46	Aldershot	CRUs, 1 Repat Depot	
	Oct 43-Dec 43	U.K.	RCAF		248	SC 4	Jun 40-Dec 45	Witley	CRUs, 4 Repat Depot	
	Oct 44-Sep 45	U.K.	Army Repat Depot		253	HCA 1	Aug 44-Nov 45	N.W. Europe	HQ 1 Cdn Corps	
12	Oct 44-Sep 45	U.K.	Army Repat Depot		281	MC 95	Jan 44-Jun 44	U.K.	425 Sqn RCAF	
	Oct 44-Sep 45	U.K.	Army Repat Depot		282	SC 69	Feb 44-Feb 45	Warrington	RCAF R Depot	
414	Feb 45-Oct 45	Italy, NW Europe	12th Inf Bde		297	SC 64	Jun 43-Jan 46	Tholthorpe	RCAF Stn.	
	Oct 44-Feb 45	U.K.-Gloucester Italy	RCAF PRC		298	MC 70	Jun 43-Jun 44	U.K.	400 Sqn. RCAF	
	Apr 44-Sep 47	Italy	Cdn Sec BAPO		310	C 1	Jun 40-Oct 45	U.K., Italy, N.W.F.	1st Inf Bde.	
	Nov 39-Jun 46	Acton, London	Cdn Record Off.		311	C 2	Jun 40-Oct 45	U.K., Italy, N.W.F.	2nd Inf Bde	

Specify F.P.O. number and type or description of "other" items:

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C 3	Jun 40-Oct 45	UK, Italy, NW Europe	3rd Inf Bde		447		Apr 43-Oct 45	U.K.		
C 1	Jun 40-Oct 45	UK, Italy, NW Europe	Ration Pt, 1 Div.		452	HC 1	Jul 40-Nov 45	U.K., Italy, NWE	HQ 1st Corps	
C 1	Jun 40-Jan 46	UK, Italy, NW Europe	1st Inf Div		453	THC 1	Jul 40-Feb 46	U.K., Italy, NWE	Ration Pt, 1 Corps	
C 3	Jun 40-Feb 46	Bordon, Hants.	Cdn Reinf Units		454	AC 1	Jul 40-Apr 45	UK, NW Europe	HQ 1st Cdn Army	
C 11	Jun 40-Feb 46	Farnborough	Cdn Reinf Units		464		Sep 43-Apr 44	N Af BAPC (Cdn)	RCAF	
C 1	Jun 40-47	London	CPC HQ		465	SC 7	Aug 40-Sep 44	London	CMHQ	
A 1			1st Armd Bde		469		Oct 43-Dec 43	UK	COPD	
C 88	Jul 43-May 45	U.K.	418 Sqn RCAF		471		Sep 40-Feb 44	UP	Cdn Base PO	
C 65	Jul 43-Feb 44	Dunsfold	RCAF Stn		479		Nov 40-	UK	Cdn Base PO	
C 413	Apr 44-Nov 45	Italy			480		Feb 44-Nov 45			
C 19	Jul 44-Sep 44	U.K.			482		Feb 44-Apr 44	UK		
C 20	Jul 44-Aug 44	London	Cdn O'seas P.D.		483	DC 3	Jul 41-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe	3rd Inf Div	
	Jul 43-Nov 45	UK, Italy, NW Europe			484	TC 3	Jul 41-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	Ration Pt, 3rd Div	
	May 43-Mar 46	UK, Italy, NW Europe			485	C 7	Jul 41-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe	7th Inf Bde	
IC 2	Jun 43-Jan 46	UK, BAOR	2nd Army Tk Bde		486	C 8	Jul 41-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	8th Inf Bde	
C 2	Sep 40-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe, BAOR	2nd Inf Div		487	C 9	Jul 41-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	9th Inf Bde	
C 2	Sep 40-Oct 45	UK, NW Europe	Ration Point 2nd Inf Div		488	ADC 5	Jul 41-Mar 45	Scotland	Cdn Troops	
4	Sep 40-Oct 45	UK, NW Europe	4th Inf Bde		490	DCA 4	Feb 46-Mar 46	Germany	4th Cdn Div	
5	Sep 40-Oct 45	UK, NW Europe	5th Inf Bde		492	MC 71	Oct 43-May 46	UK	401 Sqn RCAF	
6	Sep 40-Oct 45	UK, NW Europe	6th Inf Bde		495	SC 68	Oct 43-Jun 46	London	RCAF HQ	

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SC 12	Aug 41-Mar 46	Cove	CRU, 3 Repat Dep.		595	SC 62	May 43-Nov 45	Eastmoor, Yorkshire	RCAF Stn	
	Mar 43-Dec 43	U.K.	CPC HQ		596		Nov 44-Jun 45	London	CPC HQ	
SC751	Jul 44-Dec 45	N.W. Europe	Postal Tracing Sec. 21 Army Gp		598	SC 63	May 43-Dec 45	Skipton-on-Swale	RCAF Stn	
	Mar 43-Mar 46	UK, Italy, NWEurope	1 Corps Ips		600	SC 415	May 43-Mar 46	N. Africa, Italy	15 Cdn Gen Hosp	
TCA 5	Jul 41-Apr 44	UK	Ration Point		603		May 42-Jun 42	U.K.		
	Apr 44-Jan 46	Italy, NWEurope	5th Armd Div		604		May 42-Jun 42	U.K.		
OCA 5	Nov 41-Jan 46	UK, Italy, NWEurope	5th Armd Div		605		May 42-Jun 42	U.K.		
	Nov 41-Jan 46	UK, Italy, NWEurope	11th Inf Bde		606		May 42-Apr 43	U.K.	RCASC RU	
CA 5	Nov 41-Jan 46	UK, Italy, NWEurope	5th Armd Bde		607	SC 18	May 42-Jun 42	U.K.		
CC 13	Nov 41-Jun 44	UK	1st AA Bde, RCA		610		May 44-Feb 46	U.K., Italy	Army	
	Mar 43-Jun 47	UK, Italy, NWEurope	BAPO Sec, I Corps & BAOR		621	SC 17	May 44-Feb 46	U.K.	CRU, 9 Repat Dep.	
C 804	Jul 44-Feb 46	Glasgow	Cdn FMO		622		Aug 42-Jan 46	U.K., Italy	5th Armd Div	
C 65	Jan 42-Feb 46	Bournemouth	3 PRC, RCAF		623		Aug 42-Mar 46	U.K., Italy, NWE	13th Inf Bde	
	Jul 43-Mar 46	N. Africa, Italy	RCAF		624	TCA 4	Aug 42-Jan 46	U.K., N.W. Europe	Ration Point 4th Armd Div.	
	Jul 44-Feb 46	London	Cdn FMO		625	C 10	Aug 42-Jan 46	U.K., N.W. Europe	10th Inf Bde	
C 61	May 43-Nov 45	Linton-on-Ouse	RCAF Stn		626	CA 4	Aug 42-Mar 46	U.K., N.W. Europe	4th Armd Bde	
	Feb 42-Apr 45	UK, NW Europe	Army		630		Aug 42-Nov 45	U.K.		
	Apr 42-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	1st Cdn Army		635	SC 67	Sep 43-Mar 46	Thirsk	RCAF Stn	
C 1	Apr 42-Nov 45	UK, NW Europe	Ration Point 1st Cdn Army		636		Oct 43-Nov 45	U.K., N.W. Europe	2 Cdn Corps	
763	Apr 42-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Ips		638		Apr 44-Mar 46	Italy	Cdn Sec, 15 Base APO	
	Jul 43-Jan 46	Cairo	RCAF HQ							

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411	Apr 44-Aug 45	Italy			673	SC 58	Feb 43-Jul 45	Middleton St. Geo	428 Sqn RCAF	
2	Oct 42-Jun 47	UK, NW Europe	HQ 2nd Corps		674	MC 77	Feb 43-Jul 45	UK	407 Sqn RCAF	
C 2	Oct 42-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	Ration Point 2nd Corps		675	SC 52	Mar 43-Jun 46	Topcliffe	424 Sqn RCAF	
73	Nov 42-May 44	UK	403 Sqn RCAF		677	SC 59	Mar 43-Dec 45	Croft	434 Sqn RCAF	
93	Nov 42-Sep 45	UK	423 Sqn RCAF		678	MC 75	Mar 43-Oct 45	UK	405 Sqn RCAF	
79	Nov 42-Jun 44	UK	409 Sqn RCAF		679		Feb 43-Feb 46	UK		
	Nov 42-Jan 45	UK	1 Cdn Army Tps		680		Feb 43-Feb 46	UK		
	Nov 42-Jul 45	UK			681		Mar 43-Dec 46	UK, NW Europe	Cdn Base PO	
	Nov 42-Jul 45	UK, Italy	Army		682		Mar 43-Dec 46	UK, NW Europe	Cdn Base PO	
	Nov 42- ? 44	UK, Italy	Army		683		Mar 43-Dec 46	UK, NW Europe	Cdn Base PO	
92	Dec 42-Sep 45	UK	422 Sqn RCAF		684	SC 752	Mar 43-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit	
54	Dec 42-Dec 45	Yorkshire, UK	HQ 6 Bomber Gp		685	SC 753	Mar 43-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit	
53	Dec 42-Jun 44	Dunstable, Surrey	128 Airfield HQ		686	SC 754	Mar 43-Dec 45	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit	
80	Apr 43-Jun 44	UK	410 Sqn RCAF		687	SC 755	Mar 43-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit	
85	Apr 43-Aug 44	UK	415 Sqn RCAF		688	SC 756	Mar 43-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit	
74	Apr 43-Jun 45	UK	404 Sqn RCAF		695		Sep 45-Apr 46	Cirencester, Glos.	RCAF Stn	
51	Jan 43-Jun 44	Redhill, Surrey	126 Airfield HQ		700	SC 30	May 44-Feb 46	UK	8 RePat Depot	
56	Jan 43-Jun 46	Leeming, Yorks.	427 Sqn RCAF		805		Feb 45-Jun 45		RCAF	
76	Jan 43-Sep 45	UK	406 Sqn RCAF		806		Feb 44-Aug 45	Italy	RCAF	
57	Feb 43-Nov 45	Dishforth	RCAF Stm		807	SC 412	Feb 44-Aug 45	Naples Airport	RCAF BAPO, Italy	

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806	Jul 44-Sep 45	Plymouth	Cdn FMO		858	SC 758	Apr 44-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe	1 CA BPO	
25	Mar 44-Apr 46	Aldershot	4 & 8 Gen Hosp		859	SC 759	Apr 44-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe	1 CA BPO	
26	Mar 44-Jun 46	Bramshot	2 & 22 Gen Hosp		864	SC 768	Jun 45-Oct 45	Brussels	Army Gift Shop	
27	Mar 44-Feb 46	Pinewood	17 Gen Hosp		900		Apr 45-Nov 45	NW Europe	Cdn Sec 8 BAPO	
28	Mar 44-Feb 46	Taplow	7 & 11 Gen Hosp							
29	Mar 44-Feb 46	Basingstoke	Neuro Hospital, 11 Repat Depot							
30	Mar 44-Apr 47	UK	1 Special Hosp							
34	Sep 44-Feb 46	Birmingham Aldershot	16 Gen Hosp 7 Repat Depot							
35	Mar 44-May 46	Leavesden	10 Gen Hosp							
37	Jun 44-Feb 46	Cherry Tree Aldershot	18 Gen Hosp 6 Repat Depot							
760	Apr 44-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	2 CRG Postal Unit							
761	Apr 44-Dec 45	UK, NW Europe	2 CRG Postal U.							
762	Apr 44-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	2 CRG Postal U.							
757	May 44-Jan 46	UK, NW Europe	LofC Postal Unit							
	Nov 44-Apr 46	UK	RCAF							
	Dec 44-Apr 47									
	Apr 44-Feb 46	UK, NW Europe								
C 15	Apr 44-Feb 46	Hastings	RCAF, 2 Repat Dep.							
C 8	Apr 44-Feb 46	UK	Army CRU							
C 18	Apr 44-Feb 46	UK	10 Repat Depot							