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TWO DIFFERENT NEWFOUNDLAND MILITARY CENSOR NO.3 MARKINGS--By Paul Binney

Most of the circular Army Military Censor markings used in Newfoundland [in the Second World War] were issued to a single regiment for its use, or to a single location where it might be used by a censor for a number of military units. All numbers appear to be represented by a single censor mark, many of which remained in use from the time of issue until the end of hostilities in 1945. The exception to this statement is the Military Censor No. 3 marking.

Censor No.3 was first used by the Royal Rifles of Canada during their tour of duty in Newfoundland (Nov.25, 1940 to Aug.25, 1941) [1]. Twenty-six strikes of this marking are recorded between Nov.26, 1940 and Apr.24, 1941 [FIG.1]. The use of this marking was associated with troops at Gander and Botwood; later to become CAPO 2 and CAPO 3 respectively. This censor mark is classified at "type IIR" with two-ring surround and slightly dropped "r" in "Military" [2].

After the departure of the Royal Rifles, the two-ring censor mark is next seen in use by the Sherbrooke Fusiliers (Aug. 14, 1941 to Feb.16, 1942) at CAPO 1 (St. John's) during November and December 1941. This use is shown in FIG.2.

The use shown so far is the normal expected distribution of a censor marking, first to one regiment, then another in sequence. However in October 1941, and again in July 1942, a single-ring censor mark also with Censor No.3 was in use by the PEI Highlanders (Jul.26, 1941 to Mar.16, 1942) at CAPO 2 and CAPO 3 [FIG.3]. This mark is classified as "Type Ia", distinctly differ-

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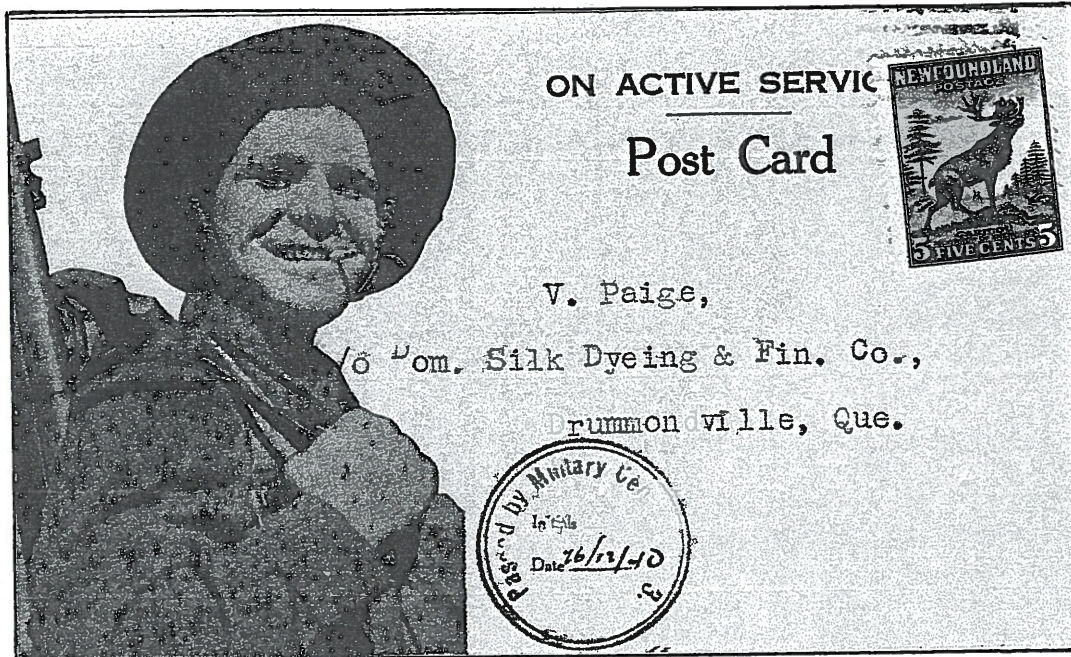


Figure 1: Early use of the Type IIr censor marking in December 1940 on a post card from the Royal Rifles of Canada, HQ Company (Kevin O'Reilly collection)

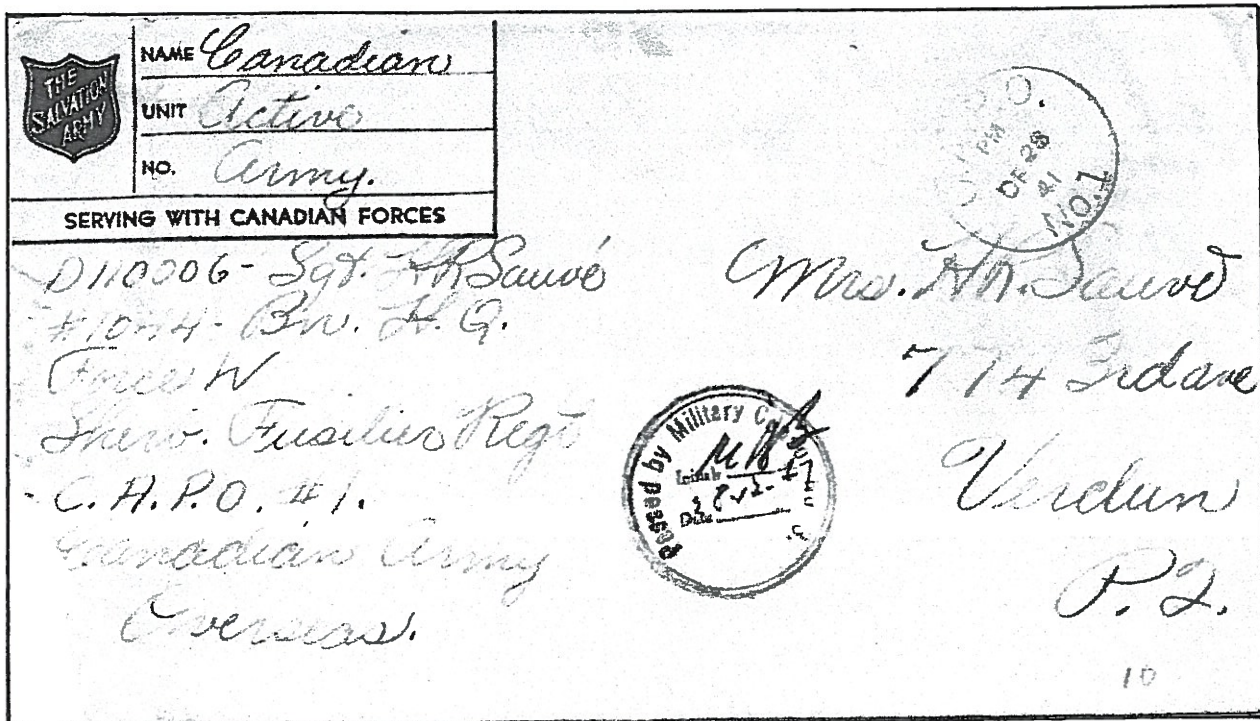


Figure 2: Cover from the headquarters of the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regiment censored by type IIr marking on 28 December 1941 (Doug Hannan collection)

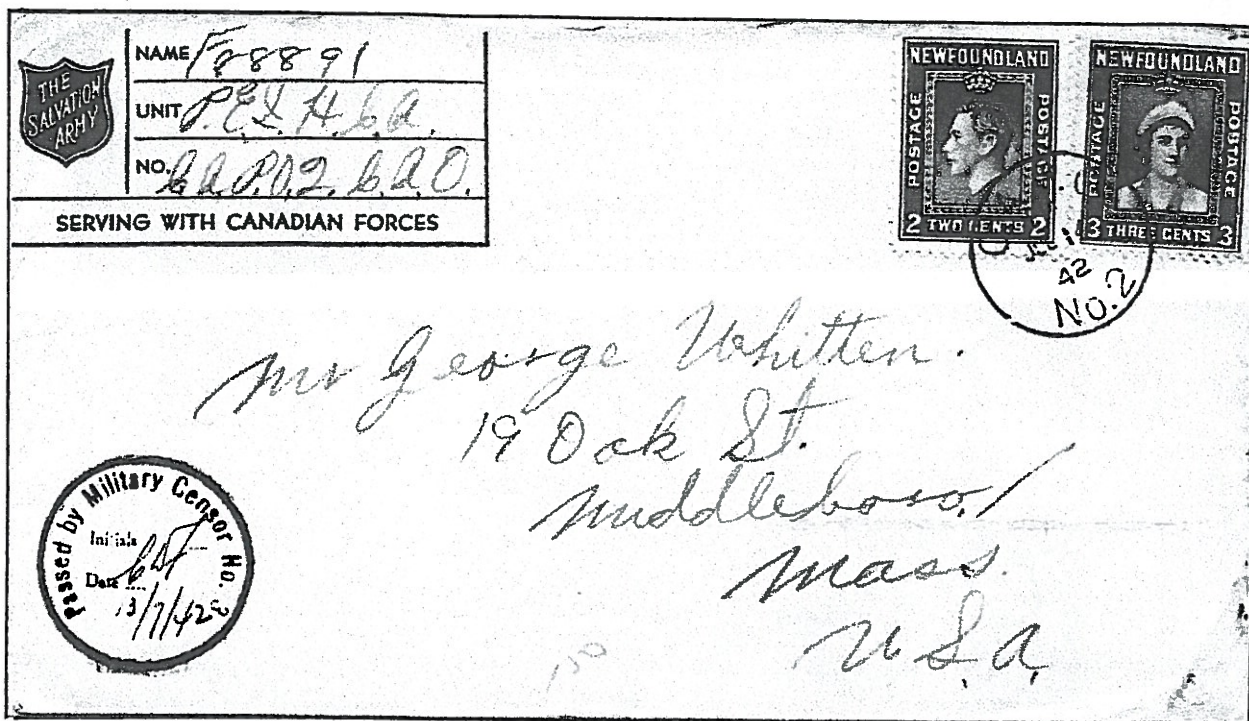


Figure 3: P.E.I. Highlanders correspondence from 13 July 1942 censored by a Type Ia marking with Censor No. 3 (Doug Hannan collection)

ent than the two-ring mark in use by the Sherbrooke Fusiliers during this same time interval.

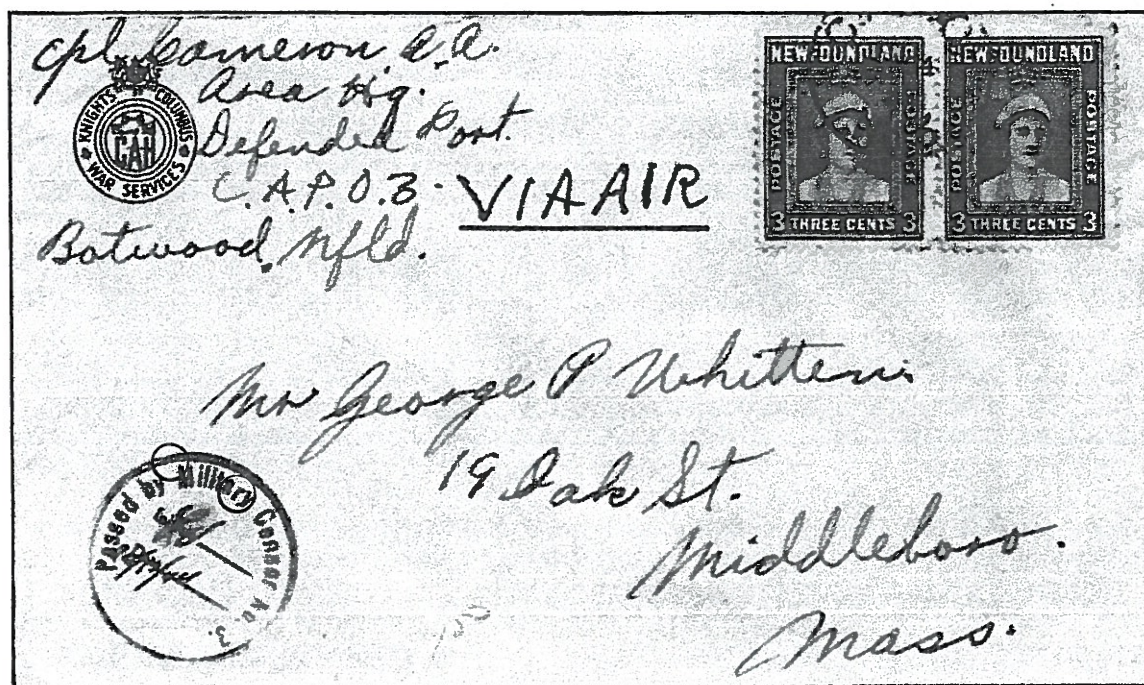


Figure 4: Worn but still identifiable Type IIr marking (note dropped r, remnants of two rings) in use at CAPO 3 in October 1944 (Doug Hannan collection)

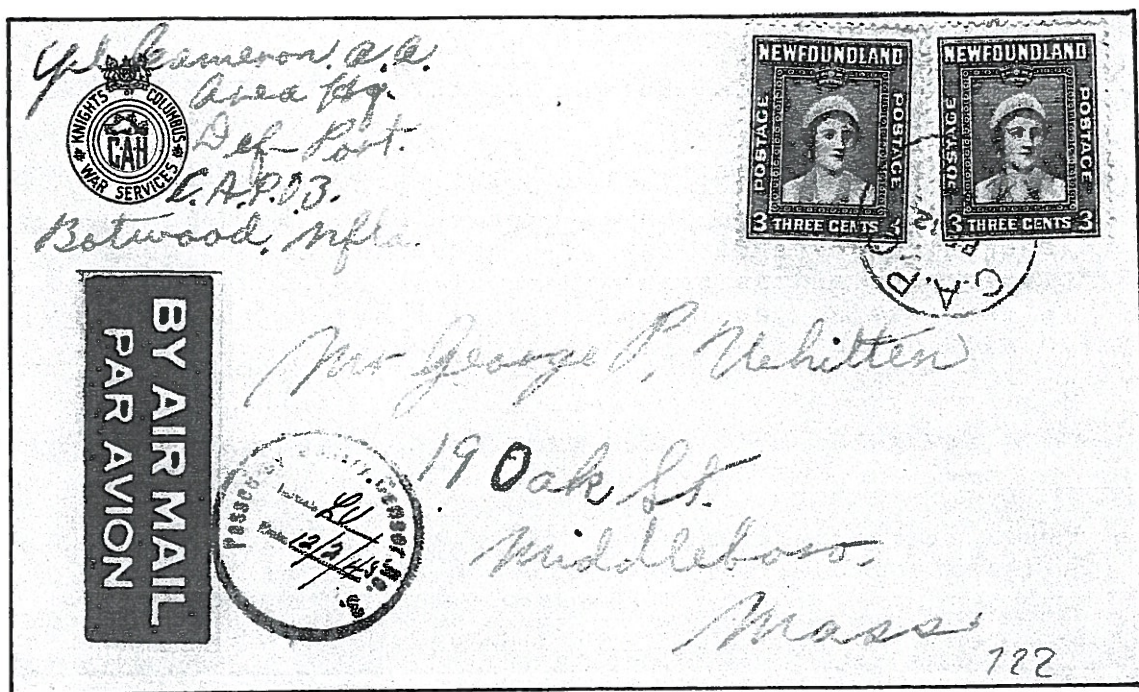


Figure 5: Type Ia censor marking, also from CAPO 3, also Censor No. 3, from February 1945 (Kevin O'Reilly collection)

To complete this story both the single-ring and double-ring versions of the Censor No.3 marking were in use at Defence Area Headquarters for CAPO 3 (Defended Port) during the period [of] May 1944 to February 1945. [FIGS. 4 and 5].

For a closely-controlled device used in military censorship, it is difficult to comprehend how a number was not only duplicated but the duplicate continued in use throughout the war. It also seems possible that these duplicate numbered devices were used at the same time, by two different units [and] at two different locations, before "coming home" to CAPO 3 where both single and double-ring censor marks with Military Censor No.3 were used late in the war.

Are there other examples where more than one marking was produced for a given censor number?

The author would like to thank all contributors to this study, particularly Doug Hannan and Kevin O'Reilly who provided the material to illustrate this article.

[1] Sayles, C.D. The BNAPS Catalogue to Canadian Military Mail Markings: The World War 2 Era, 1936-1945. Vol.II, p. 178.

[2] Binney, W.P. "The Circular Army Censorship Markings: Part 3 Classification," CMMSG Newsletter #211 (Nov. 2013), pp. 1312-1316.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR HOSTEL, FINGAL, ONTARIO 1946--By Colin Pomfret

Here is a postcard sent from Fingal, Ontario dated November 16, 1946. The message states:

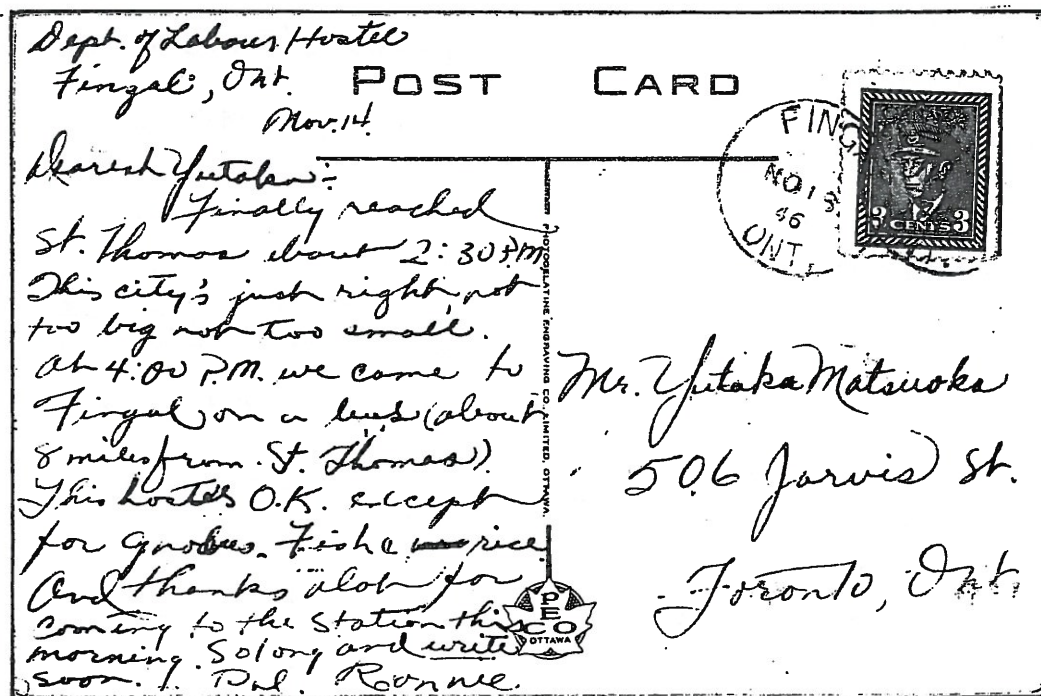
"Dept. of Labour Hostel
Fingal, Ont. Nov. 14

Dearest Yutaka:

Finally reached St. Thomas about 2:30 P.M. This city's just about right. Not too big not too small. At 4:00 P.M. we came to Fingal on a bus (about 8 miles from St. Thomas). This hostel's O.K. except for g [?], fish & rice. And thanks alot for coming to the station this morning. So long and write soon.

Pal Ronnie."

Was "Ronnie" an ex-Japanese internee?



FARM SERVICE FORCE WORK SHEETS, 1942--By Colin Pomfret

Two work sheets [illustration follows. Ed.] from Japanese internees working in the beet fields of Southern Ontario. Camps included Centralia, Chatham, Dover Centre, Dresden, Essex, Glencoe, Petrolia, Valetta, and Wallaceburg. [While not specifically military mail, I thought that these seldom-seen related ephemera would be of interest to members and help to "tie-in" with the above postcard. Ed.]

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WORKER'S DAILY REPORT

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Remarks

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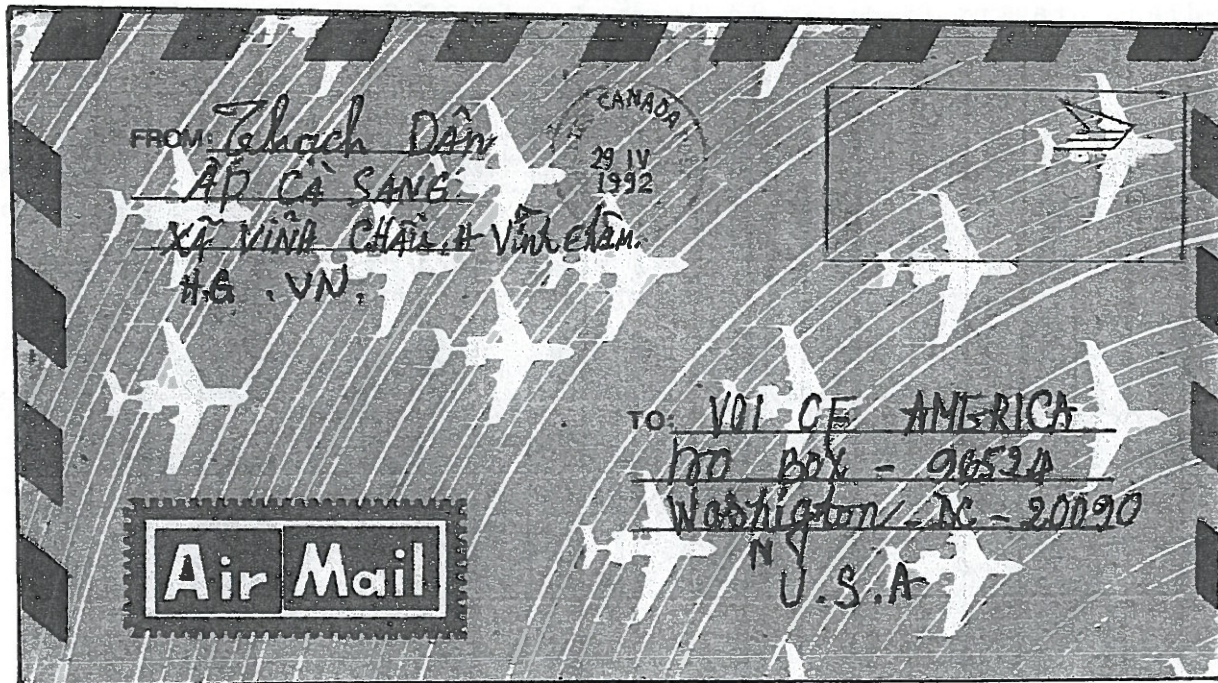
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QUERY: 1992 VIETNAM VIA CANADA TO WASHINGTON?-- By Vernon Wilhelm von der Heydt

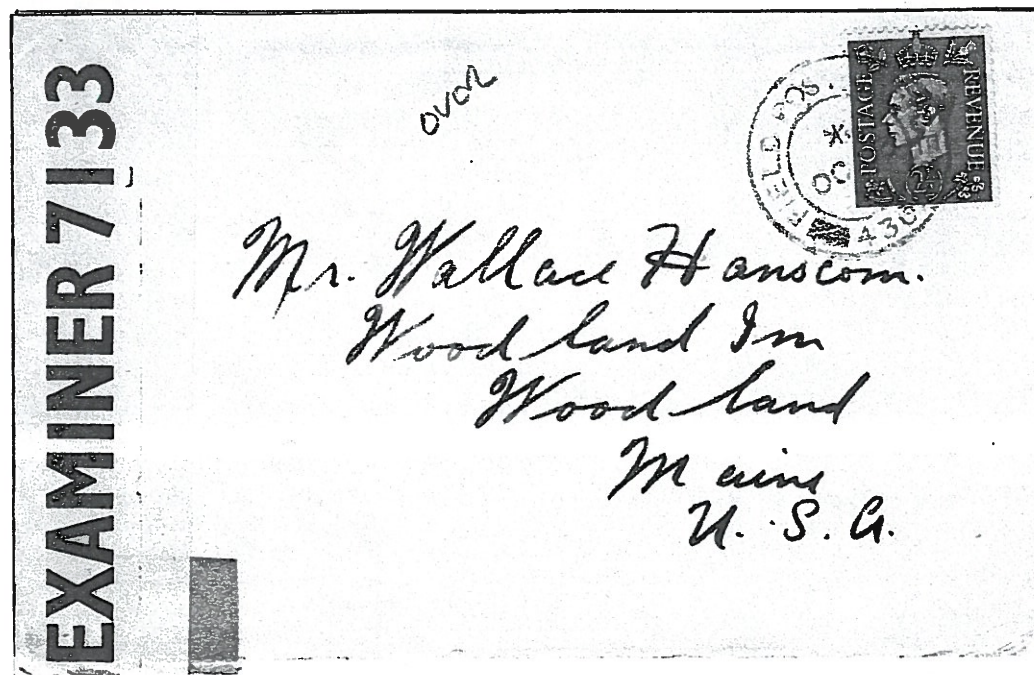
Here is a cover to the Voice of America in Washington, DC USA which apparently was sent from Vietnam. There is a Canadian machine postmark [a

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bit faint so enhanced.Ed.] but the postal code is unclear. I am very curious why this bears a Canadian postmark. Was it mailed from Canada, perhaps through a Canadian Embassy or was it simply mis-directed?



6TH FIELD R.C.A. (FPO 430): WHERE IN ENGLAND?--By Vernon Wilhelm von der Heydt

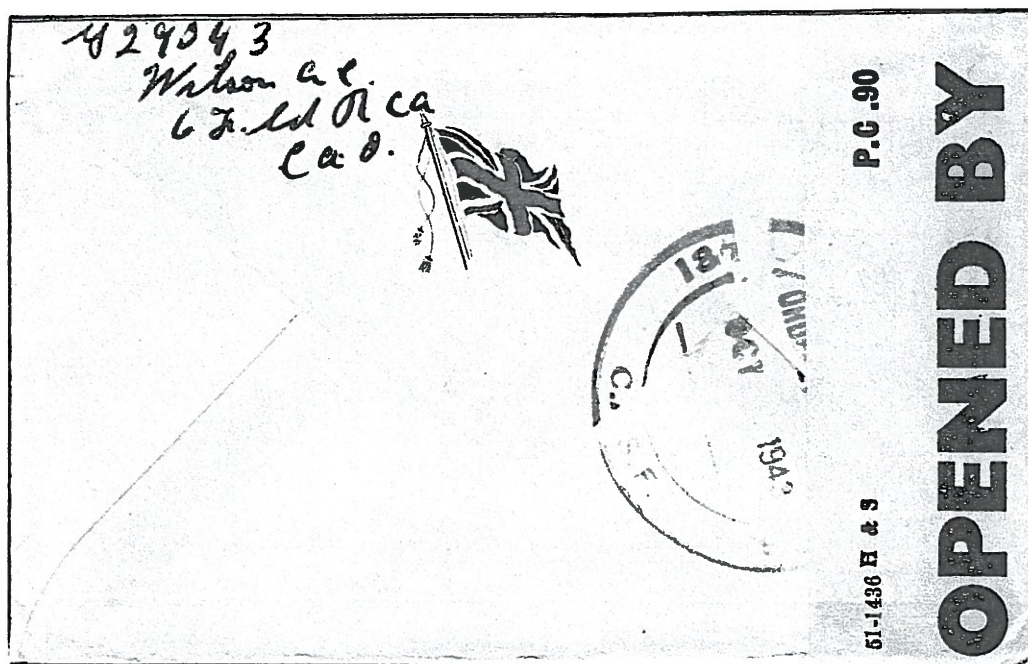


I have a few questions related to this cover. FPO 430 belonged to a tank brigade stationed in England during October 1943. Perhaps one of the mem-

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bers might know where this unit was stationed in England? Was this one of the units that went into Sword Beach on D-Day? [Thanks Vernon. Any members on this one? The Second Armoured Brigade did support the Third Canadian Infantry Division in Normandy. In 1943 the Second was composed of the 6th Armoured Regiment (1st Hussars), the 10th (Fort Garry Horse), and the 27th (Sherbrooke Fusiliers). The Second Canadian Army Tank Brigade was in England from July 12, 1943 to May 13, 1944 (Sayles, Ed., BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings, Vol.II, p. 217 denotes that FPO 430 was in use from June 1943-January 1946, No. H560/B&T No. M15-134). The reverse of the cover, with a faint red orderly room marking, is illustrated below.Ed.]



A NEW CANADIAN MILITARY PROJECT UPDATE: THE COL. R.H. WEBB PAPERS

Our member Bob Toombs, along with Gray Scrimgeour, are working on an important project which is long overdue. Bob has recently undertaken an indepth archival research study of Col. Webb's material contained within the National Archives of Canada (Library and Archives Canada/National Postal Museum). The Webb family is involved and fully supports the project. It is a time-consuming effort but both are "having fun and learning at the same time"! Stay tuned in the near future for more updates or the publication of an enhanced unpublished tome on Canadian military mail (based on Rollie Webb's ca. 1970's draft manuscript).

NEW CANADIAN FORCES POSTMARK UPDATE--By Dave Hanes and Barry Dale

[Dave wrote in regarding Jerry Jarnick's article regarding a new type of postmark in the last issue (NL#211, November 2013, pp. 1310-1311). Ed.]

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"Noted Jerome Jarnick's letter reference 'A New Canadian Forces Postmark'. I would say it is a new cancel...[sic] maybe a new larger sized cancel. Several years back, the Cdn. Forces Mail System came out with what I refer to as 'a FREE marking'. When the troops are away from home they are entitled to free postage at surface rate-back to Canada... [sic] the UN boys and the Navy boys use this service nearly all the time when they actually write...[sic] The UN boys are also allowed so many minutes of telephone time...[sic] so there [is] not nearly as much mail today as there used to be. The odd serviceman has their own phone.

The cancel Jerome shows...[sic] he reports as '48mm in diameter'. I am attaching a scan of the 'FREE' marking that has been around for years. It is 38mm in diameter. I would say that maybe the mail system has come out with a new larger-sized 'FREE' marking???? [sic]".



[Barry also wrote: "I don't have the same postmark that Mr. Jarnick reported in our last newsletter. However I do have a number of examples of a smaller version of the same marking (39mm), used by various army/navy units/ships. If these are something new, let me know and I will send you a couple of photos". Thanks Barry and Dave. It seems that Jerry's larger 48mm device is new and has been recently introduced; perhaps to replace Dave's and Barry's 38mm/39mm examples. Dave's obser-

vation about the decrease in physical mail is true and does not bode well for future military postal historians!Ed.]

NEW CANCEL ADDITION/CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM COVER--By Maj. George Sawatzki
(Ret'd.)

[Jerry's "discovery" has certainly generated some wonderful follow-ups and George wrote in as well.Ed.]

"I will contact a buddy at the War Museum to check if a 75th anniversary card/cover was produced and if he knows of any plans for the upcoming 100th anniversary....

No to the Canadian Forces postmark. I have searched my holdings and so far have not seen this new (47mm) postmark. So far I have seen the old 39mm version used only in association with Afghanistan. I have various samples associated with CFPO 5006 Kabul, CFPO 5058 Kandahar (by far the most popular), and CFPO 5113 Dubai (Camp Mirage). Dates for my copies range from December 2003 to January 2011.

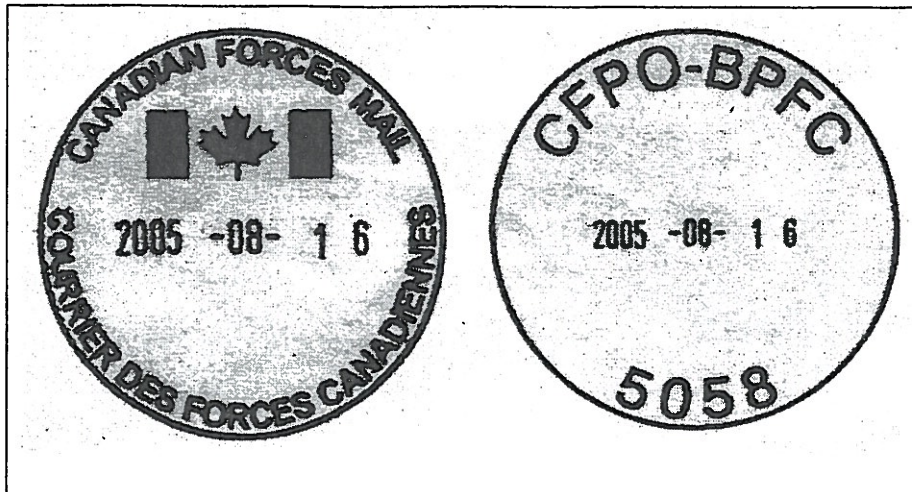
"Military Markings" by John Conrad and his article "CFPO Transition to Create Key Collectible Markings", published in Canadian Stamp News used the following illustrations [next page.Ed.]

The cancel associated with CFPO 5058 looks like the one described in the newsletter article by Jerome C. Jarnick. The illustration in the John

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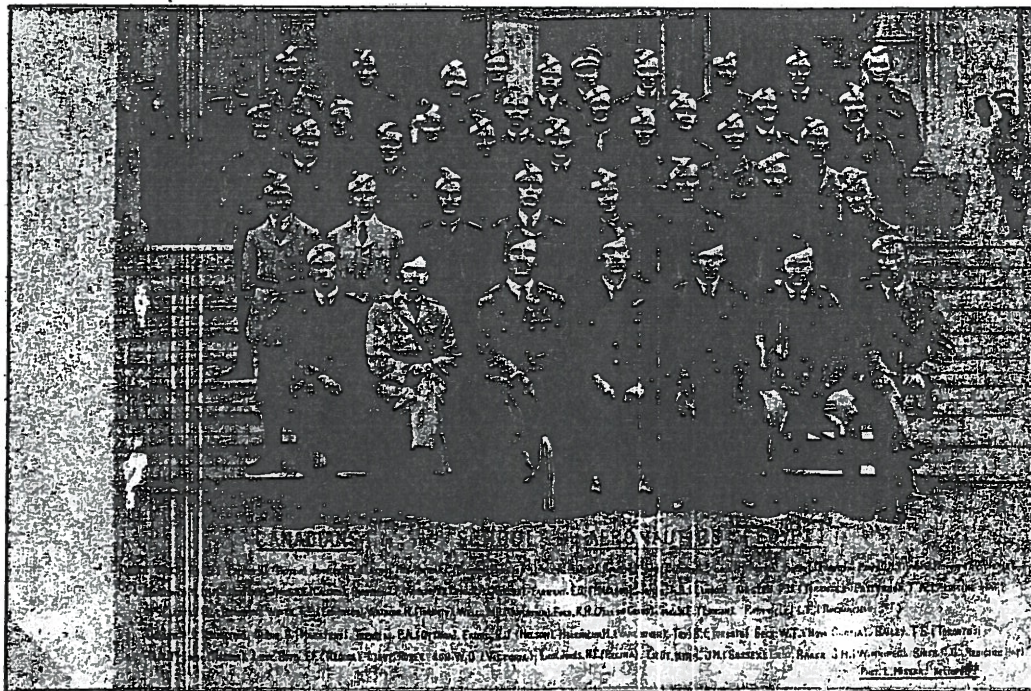
Conrad article may not necessarily be to scale or did a larger version of the 'new cancel' shown as the same size as the CFPO 5058 cancel already exist in 2005?" [Illustrations reprinted with the kind permission of Mr. Bret Evans, Editor, Canadian Stamp News, and columnist Mr. John



Conrad who pens the informative "Military Markings" articles.Ed.]

CANADIANS IN THE SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS (EGYPT) CA. 1917--By Colin Pomfret

Here is a very unusual and scarce real photo postcard with identified Canadians at the school in Egypt (L. Missak, Heliopolis, Photographer).



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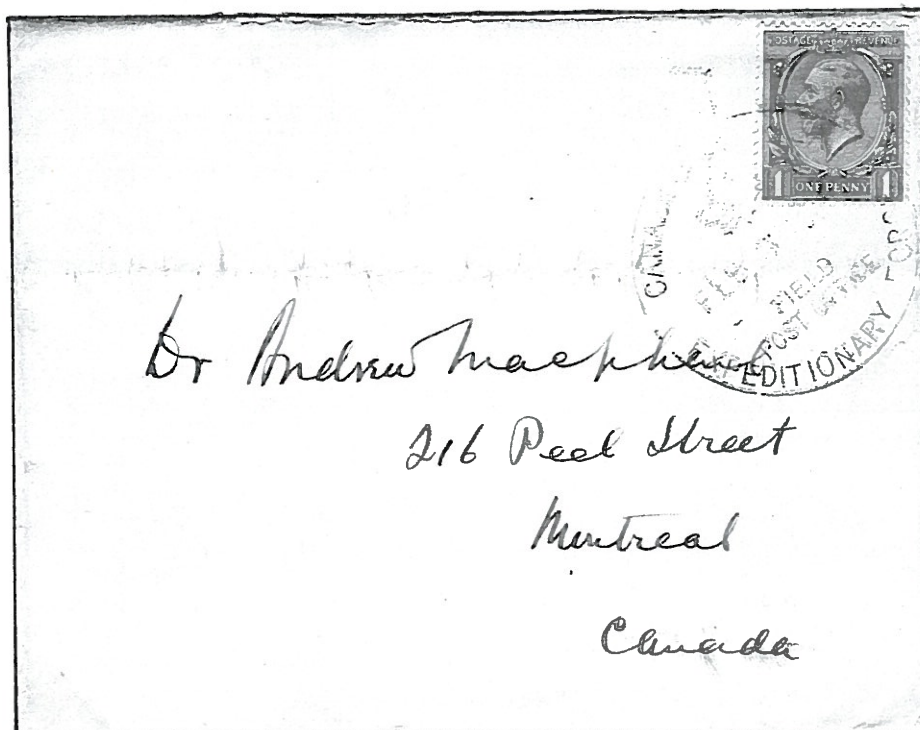
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First Row: H.A. McEwen(Regina), Lt.Boyd, E.F.(Regina), Lt. Robertson, W.D.(Victoria), Lt. Jones, H.E.(Regina), Lt.Kirk, J.H.(Sussex), Lt.Baker, G.H.(Winnipeg), Smith, C.G.(Medicine Hat).

SIR ANDREW MACPHAIL: PHYSICIAN, PROFESSOR, AUTHOR, SOLDIER

Members will recognize the addressee on the cover below. Macphail was born at Orwell, Prince Edward Island on November 24, 1864 and studied at Charlottetown's Prince of Wales College before attending McGill University. There he received degrees in arts and medicine. After teaching and practising medicine, Macphail was appointed McGill's first professor of the history of medicine in 1907. He held that position for thirty years. In 1911 he was founding editor of the Canadian Medical Association Jour-



nal, and editor of The University Magazine from 1907-1920 (except dur-
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ing his war service). He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a medical officer. While most well-known for his social and political writings and commentary, he authored a widely respected work entitled The Medical Services (Official History of the Canadian Forces in the Great War, 1914-1919), Ottawa: King's Printer, 1925. He published more than ten books and countless shorter articles and essays. He was knighted for his literary and medical efforts on January 2, 1918. He died in Montreal on September 23, 1938.

The cover bears the C.O.E.F. hammer (D1, metal) from Salisbury Plain, Great Britain and is dated February 8, 1915. I had previously believed that the date was significant (second last day of use), but contemporary research has indicated that the hammers were returned in March 1915 so later dates should exist.

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The Canadian Encyclopedia. Vol.II (Second Edition). Ed. J.H. Marsh. Edmonton, AB: Hurtig Publishers Ltd., 1988, p. 1281.

Dear Study Group Members: A bit later than usual but packed with, hopefully, some interesting items for your reading pleasure. Henk and I do trust that your winter is going well, albeit seemingly longer this year for some reason! Spring should be around the corner in no time and I expect a quicker turn-around for the next issue. Thanks to all authors this time too. Until March, good collecting!

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