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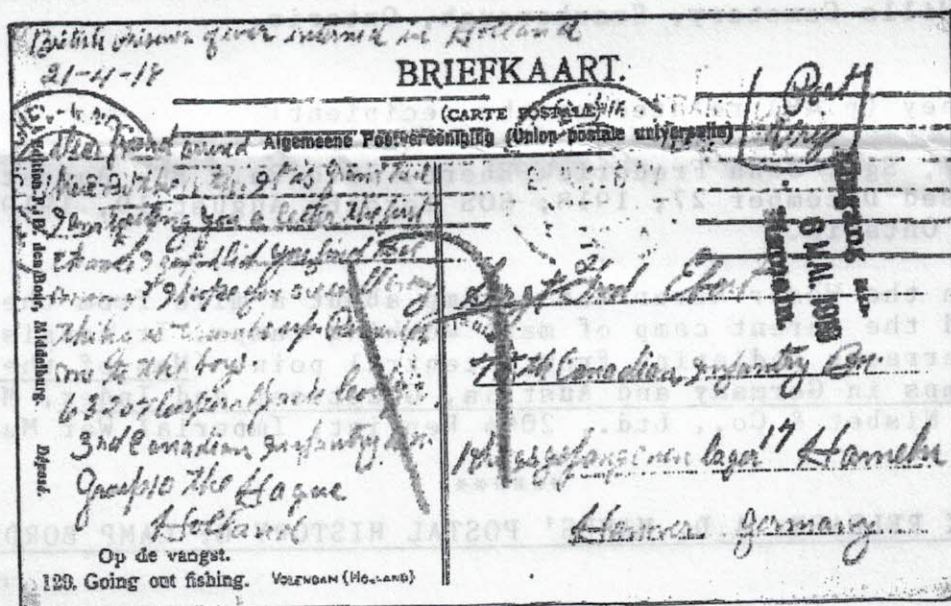
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1918 CANADIAN INTERNED IN HOLLAND--By John Watson

The following postcard is from a Canadian soldier in a Dutch internment camp to a Canadian soldier in a German POW camp. Although he annotates the card "British Prisoner of War Interned in Holland", it is quite clear from his address at the bottom of the card that he is a member of a Canadian regiment.



The message reads: "Dear friend arrived here on the 18th. It is grand here. I am writing you a letter the first chance I get. Did you find that money? I hope you are well every thing is thumbs up. Remember me to the boys".

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He then gives his address as: "3rd Canadian Infantry Bn. Group 10, The Hague, Holland".

In communications with David Hobden, he told me that the two main reasons for Canadians to end up in Dutch camps was either they were transferred there because they were sick or because they had escaped from Germany and were recaptured or gave themselves up in Holland. Holland, of course being a neutral country, could neither return them to Germany nor repatriate them. [The following was gleaned from E.H. Wigney's Guests of the Kaiser: Prisoners of War of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1915-1918 (CEF Books, 2008, p.36):

63207, Cpl. John Patrick Cody, 3rd Bn., POW October 30, 1915; Interned Holland April 18, 1918; Released November 23, 1918; SOS Toronto April 28, 1919. An original 23rd Bn. and an early re-enforcement to the 3rd Bn. He was captured on the night of October 30, 1915 while leading a small section on patrol and got lost. He was interned in Holland April 18, 1918 due to stomach and heart ailments and was returned to England November 23, 1918. He was admitted to Mile End Military Hospital, London for a short time. He married December 21, 1918 prior to his return to Canada. SOS in Toronto April 28, 1919 and died November 17, 1962. He is buried in Pine Hills Cemetery, Scarborough, Ontario.

Again Wigney (p.48) related to the recipient:

210307, Sgt. John Frederick Ebert, 75th Bn., POW August 15, 1917; Released December 27, 1918; SOS Toronto August 19, 1919, for Font-hill, Ontario.

Hameln, on the Weser River was a camp about a mile from the town of Hameln and the parent camp of many working camps. It consisted of 100 similar barracks radiating from a central point (Map of the Main Prison Camps in Germany and Austria, Gazetteer and Index, Mrs. Pope-Hennessy, Nisbet & Co., Ltd., 2004 Reprint, Imperial War Museum).Ed.]

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Member Dave Hanes' stunning exhibit study of Camp Borden showcases perhaps the best collection of this camp's postal history record. In a century's worth of covers and cards, Dave has illustrated the importance of Camp Borden from its humble beginnings with tents for soldiers, an aerodrome operated by the Royal Flying Corps, post-war training, along with several military schools and the headquarters of the Canadian Armoured Corps. Camp Borden's importance continued through the Second World War, the Cold War, and today. It is a superb study worthy of all military postal historian's libraries. Spiral bound, 178pp., 8½ x 11", colour, Stock #B4h923-096-1. BNAPS Exhibit Series #96. C\$77.50 (BNAPS members 40% discount + shipping/taxes). BNAPS Book Department, c/o Sparks Auctions, 1550 Carling Avenue, Suite #202, Ottawa, ON K1Z 8G8 or telephone (613) 567-3336 or see: <http://sparks-auctions.com/bnapsbooks/>

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Although I do not have many interesting Camp Borden-related pieces,



I especially treasure the above example. It bears the CDS Camp Borden M.P.O. 202 (Sayles' D190/B&T M13-52) dated February 14, 1942 on the serrated label, along with the usual Camp Borden machine cancellation. [Ed.]

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Member Mike Powell has kindly agreed to conduct his slide presentation on "Canadian Prisoners of War in Germany During the Great War".

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Date and time to be determined. Thanks very much Mike!

CANADIAN MERCHANT NAVY SURVEY, 1939-1947--By Jon Johnson

I would ask members' assistance in reporting any merchant navy covers you might have. Included would be any cover mailed:

- to/from "P.O. Box 9000 Montreal" or "P.O. Box 9000 Vancouver";
- to/from any Merchant Seamen's Manning Pool;
- to/from "c/o SS _____ Park" ie. S.S. Banff Park (many of the "from" covers will have foreign stamps being mailed back to Canada);
- other covers that are from a Canadian registered freighter or tanker, or part of a merchant navy correspondence without above points.



Montreal Pool A



Montreal Pool B



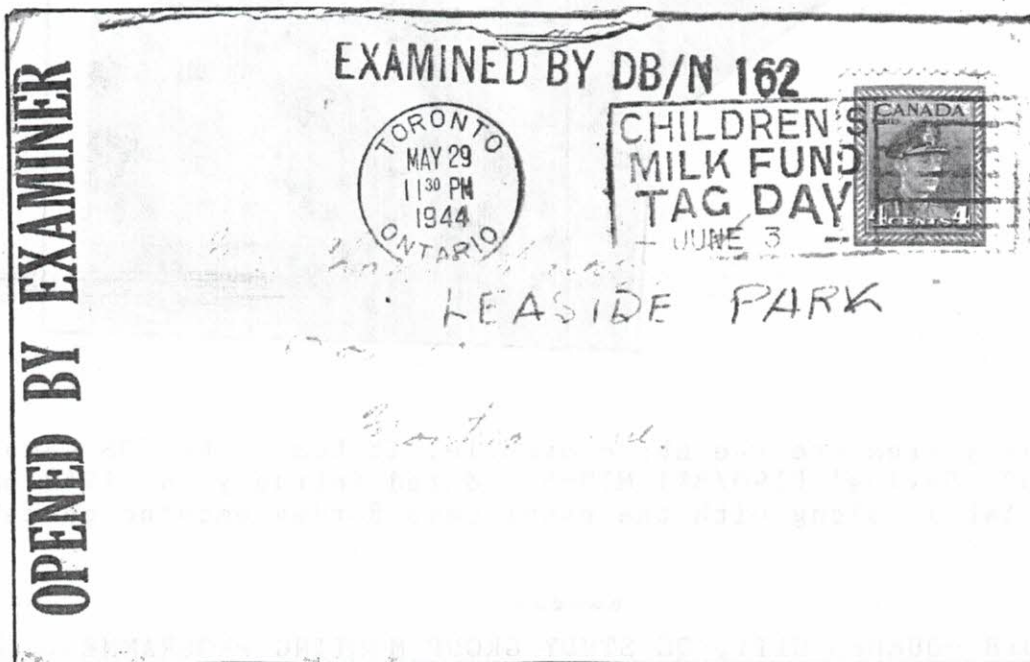
Vancouver Pool

EXAMINED BY DB/N 24

31mm

EXAMINED BY DB/N 162

50mm



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BY SENSOR



W. Ingr. Australasian Ligno 89,
949 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Ship or Pool	Date	Postmark	Addressed	Censor Label	DB/N Censor #	DB/N Length *	DB/N Serif Font	Notes / Return Address
Leaside Park	29-May-44	Toronto	c/o Box 9000, Montreal	P.C. 90	162	50	No	
Mohawk Park	28-Sep-45	Toronto	c/o Canadian Australian Line	---	---	---	---	
Tecumsek Park	18-Jul-44	Adelaide, Australia	West Vancouver, BC	---	---	---	---	c/o Box 9000, Montreal
Montreal Pool A	11-May-42	England	Place Viger, Montreal	---	---	---	---	via New York
---	no date	Canadian Maritime Mail cachet		DB/158	---	---	---	

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Note: Measuring the length of the censor cachet. Please measure, in mm, from beginning of the "E" to the end of the "N". Do NOT include the censor number in the measurement. These Merchant Navy censor cachets are similar to the Royal Canadian Navy censor cachets.

Thank you for your help. Jon Johnson, 39 Hillgrove Cresc. SW, Calgary, AB T2V 3K8 or email:

jcjperfin@hotmail.com

[Jon also requested members' help in finding the location of the boxed "CANADIAN/MARITIME/MAIL" cachet.Ed.]

DB / 158
OPENED BY CENSOR

CANADIAN
MARITIME
MAIL

R.S.M. D.CAMERON,
INTERMENT CAMP,
GRAVENHURST, ONT.,
CANADA.

ARMED FORCES
AIR LETTER

AIR MAIL

If anything is enclosed in this letter it will be sent by ordinary mail.

CANADIAN
MARITIME
MAIL

Affix
Postage
Here

TO: Mr and Mrs. M. K. Martin
64 Burlington Rd.
Mimico Ontario,
Canada.

Letter No. I5

FROM:
(Sender's full name and address)

M. N. Martin
Tweedsmuir Park
Box 9000 Montreal
Canada

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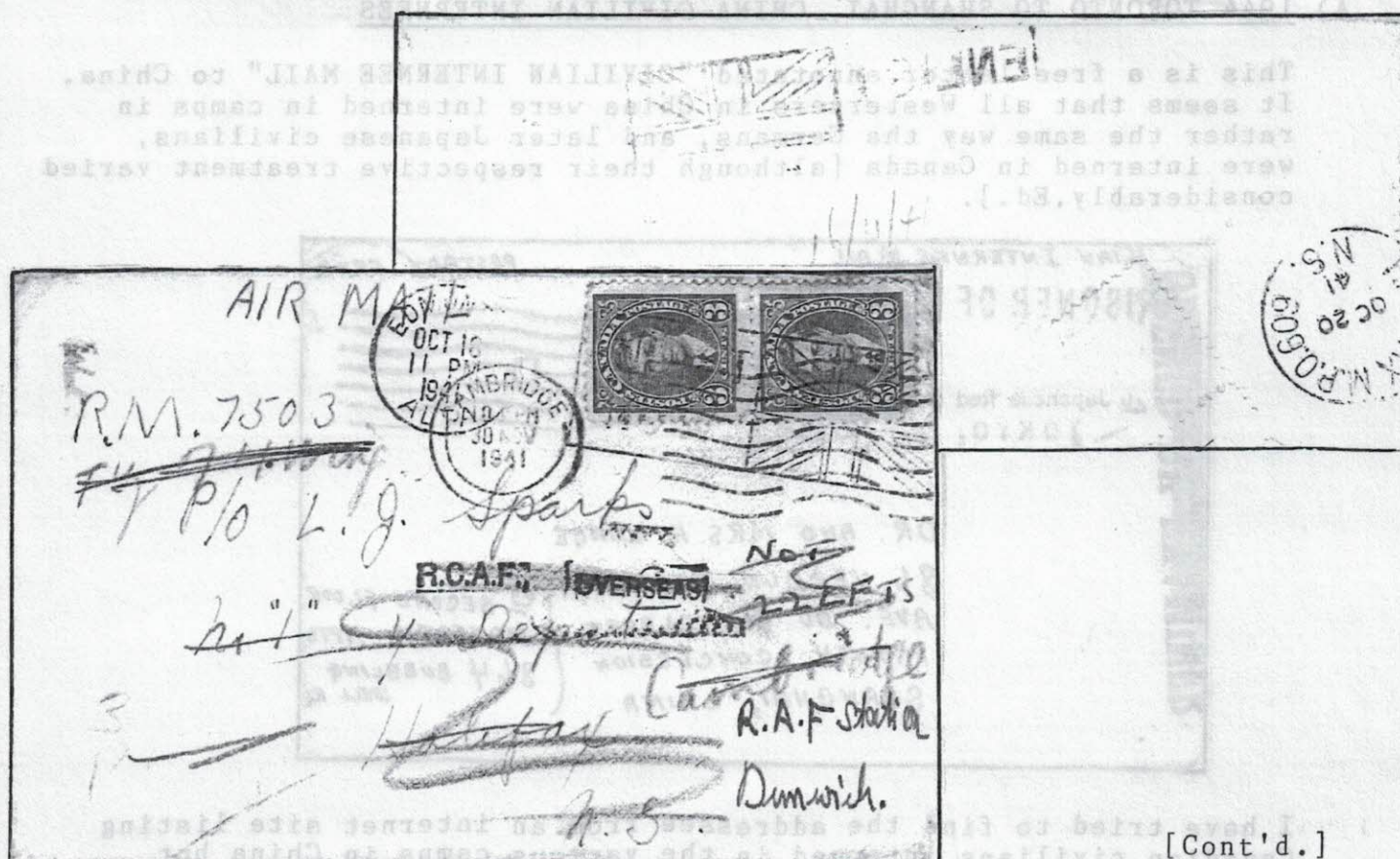


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RCAF PERSONNEL IN THE U.K. 1941--By Alan Baker

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The previously-illustrated cover was sent to Pilot Officer L.J. Sparks, RCAF and was posted on October 18, 1941 to the Halifax Embarkation Centre (No. 1Y) Depot and backstamped Halifax M.P.O. 609/OC 20/41/N.S. [An early strike; both Sayles and Bailey & Toop note October 14, 1941 as the opening date.Ed.]

It was redirected to Cambridge, U.K. (#22 EFTS) where the RAF established a centre there from 1938. The cover received a machine cancel dated November 30, 1941, where it was once again redirected to RAF Station, Dunwich.

RAF Dunwich was a Chain Low RADAR Station on the coast of Suffolk.

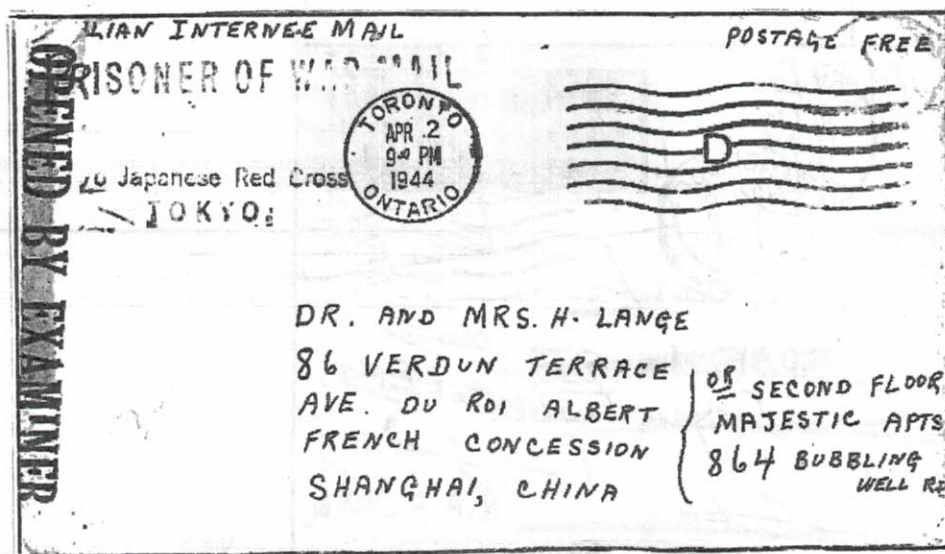
Members with knowledge of the "scrawlings" are invited to inform the Editor for future follow-up.

COVER POTPOURRI--By John Watson

[Along with the article on this issue's title page, John kindly sent in an interesting mixture of other covers and cards. Because the article cupboard is looking very bare, I will use them all to help fill up this issue. Many thanks John!Ed.]

A) 1944 TORONTO TO SHANGHAI, CHINA CIVILIAN INTERNEES

This is a free letter annotated "CIVILIAN INTERNEE MAIL" to China. It seems that all Westerners in China were interned in camps in rather the same way tha Germans, and later Japanese civilians, were interned in Canada [although their respective treatment varied considerably.Ed.].



I have tried to find the addressee from an internet site listing Canadian civilians interned in the various camps in China but

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could not find them. I suspect from the name that they were a German couple. Apparently many Germans fled to China in the years leading up to the war in order to escape persecution in Germany. It is interesting that this letter was handled by the Japanese Red Cross. This was the first mail of this aspect of the war that I had seen, then a few weeks ago a similar cover (to a different addressee) was sold on eBay. It too was handled by the Japanese Red Cross.

B) GREAT WAR CANADIAN POSTCARDS TO FRANCE

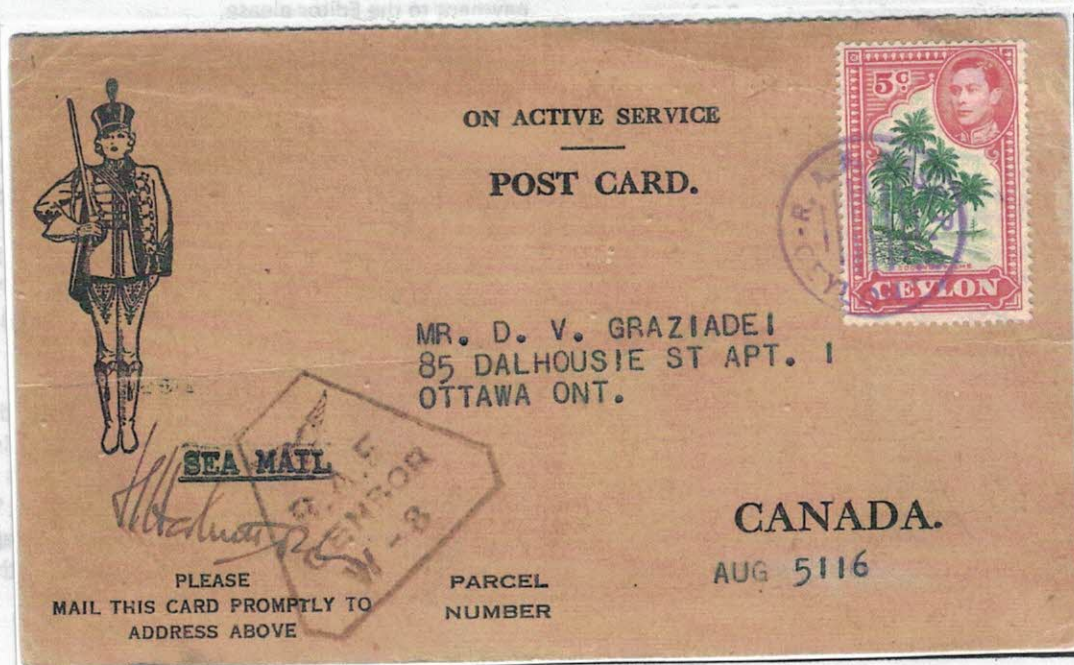
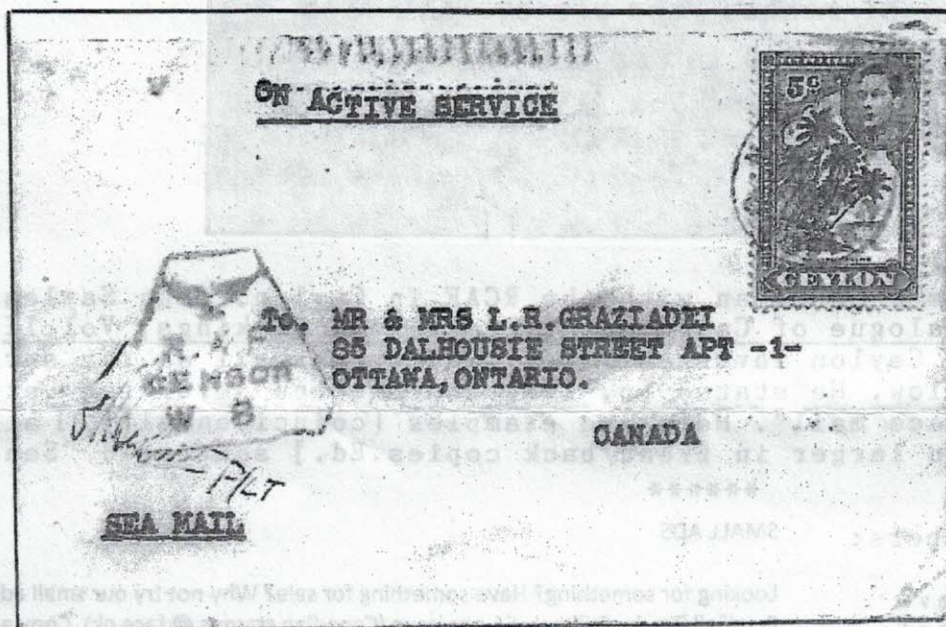
Here are two postcards to France sent during the First World War. One interesting feature here is the circular mark "LIEU de DESTINATION ENVAHI" (or "destination invaded"). The French dealer I bought it from described it as a rare cancellation/marking, and I've never seen one before.

Similarly I have never seen the straight-line "CONTROLE/PAR L'AUTORITE MILITAIRE" on this following postcard. I have seen this control marking on several occasions as an oval mark on letters, usually with sealed tape, but not on a postcard.



The previously-illustrated cover (front and back) went via FPO SC 2, London, England. The marking on the back is very similar to Sayles' #F263, #F264, and #F266, but the wording in the centre of the circle reads "Orderly / Room". The cancel is a little bit partial but quite obvious in what it says. The date on the circular mark is not clear, but seems to be 18 NOV 1943. The date in the straight-line cancel on the front definitely reads 19 NOV 1943. [While the circular marking appears to be similar, or within the same series of the others noted, Doug specifically noted on his p. iii that Orderly Room markings--which this marking clearly is--were not included in his listings.Ed.]

D) CANADIANS IN CEYLON SURFACE/SEA MAIL



L.R. GRAZIADEI
R. 74431 Cpl R.C.A.F. CEYLON.
Hello Mother Darling,

May 1 / 5 / 45

I've just received 300 hundred Sweet
Caporals Cigarettes. Thanks An awful lot. I just ran
out when they arrived. They were mail in September
5th 1942. The Cigarettes are starting to come in good.
now I hope it keeps up. I'm writing Hope you receive t
these cards and also my mail. I bet it must be nice
in Ottawa now that spring is their. I wish I was Home
with you all. Give my regards to Doreen, Edna and Dad.
I am in the best of health Hope you are all also.
Is their any news at home let me knew. So I'll Sign
off from your Son Who Loves You All.

Bob Graziadei

The previous are from a Canadian with the RCAF in Ceylon. Doug Sayles in his The BNAPS Catalogue of Canadian Military Mail Markings, Vol. II noted that mail from Ceylon invariably was sent by airmail as the surface post was very slow. He stated (p. 270) that he had never seen examples of "free surface mail". Here are examples [coincidentally, I also have an example shown larger in front/back copies. Ed.] sent paid "Sea Mail".

Dear Study Group Members:

SMALL ADS

IT'S DUES TIME! We have \$285.35 in our bank balance (as of March 29) so to keep our newsletters flowing, we need to request memberships. It has been quite some time since our last request so we hope members feel they are getting their monies worth. Email requests worked well last time and those without email/paid up will be notified. Dues are C\$20.00 for Canadian members; US\$24.00 for American/International members (or £17.00 Sterling). Cheques payable to "Dean Mario" not "CMMSG" please. Thanks in advance. Sorry no PayPal.



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WANTED: WWII Canadian P.O.W. mail from Germany (especially Dieppe-related); Canadian military postal history WWI/WWII with "missing" or "KIA" markings. Also seeking the WWII "alphabet" special forces (ie. "B", "C", "N", "W", "Y", "Z" etc.). Scans or photocopies to: Hal Kellett, #412-106 Armistice Way, Saskatoon, SK S7J 2H4 or email: hkstampsandcovers@shaw.ca (5/6)

WANTED FOR AN EXHIBIT: Postcards or photographs of "S.S. (name) Park" WWII-era freighters and tankers, ie. "S.S. Mayfair Park". Also looking for covers from or to "Park" ships (may have foreign postage). Contact Jon Johnson (403) 253-8411 or jcperpins@hotmail.com (5/5)

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