

MAIL DAMAGED IN 1945 FREIGHTER EXPLOSION AT VANCOUVER

During WWII Canada Post Office delivered sealed bags of mail, as freight, to freighters going in the right direction. Due to bags being sealed the mail did not receive any ship markings. 6 Mar 1945 four explosions rocked SS Green Hill Park while loading freight at Vancouver, BC. While being towed out of the CPR dock in flames she went aground on the shore of Stanley Park. Eight men were killed

Letter from G.H. Clark, District Director of Postal Services that accompanied the damaged cover below when it was returned to sender

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF POSTAL SERVICES
VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.

The enclosed letter was damaged by fire and explosion
on a ship at Vancouver, B.C.

G. H. CLARKE
District Director of
Postal Services.

This cover was salvag-
ed from freighter SS
Green Hill Park after
the fire was put out.

Ambulance cover used
to return to sender in
Montreal their damaged
cover and the Post
Office letter a month
after the explosions.

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*Miss Mary Jude,
154 Balcombe Road,
Merstone, S11,
Victoria,
Australia.*

*The Occupant,
4876 Grosvenor Avenue,
Montreal 6,
P.Q.*

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