

**King George VI "Mufti" Era -- April 1, 1937 -- June 30, 1942**

**What Can I Collect?**

***The purpose of this exhibit is to demonstrate several possibilities available to the collector who wishes to focus his/her efforts upon a single issue; in this instance the Mufti Issue of the reign of King George VI.***

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***The various categories of collecting shown above, and others reflecting the state of both domestic and international affairs of the time, can be the focus of most issues, using the "Definitive Issues" as the basic issue enhanced by "Pictorial Issues" and "Commemorative Issues" in period.***

***All issues provide the collector the opportunity of making extensive studies and exposition of postage rates, both domestic and international in nature.***

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**Stamps of the Mufti Issue**

The Mufti Issue comprises 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢ and 8¢ denominations.

**First Day of Issue -- 1¢, 2¢ & 3¢ -- April 1, 1937**



**First Day of Issue -- 4¢, 5¢ & 8¢ -- May 10, 1937**

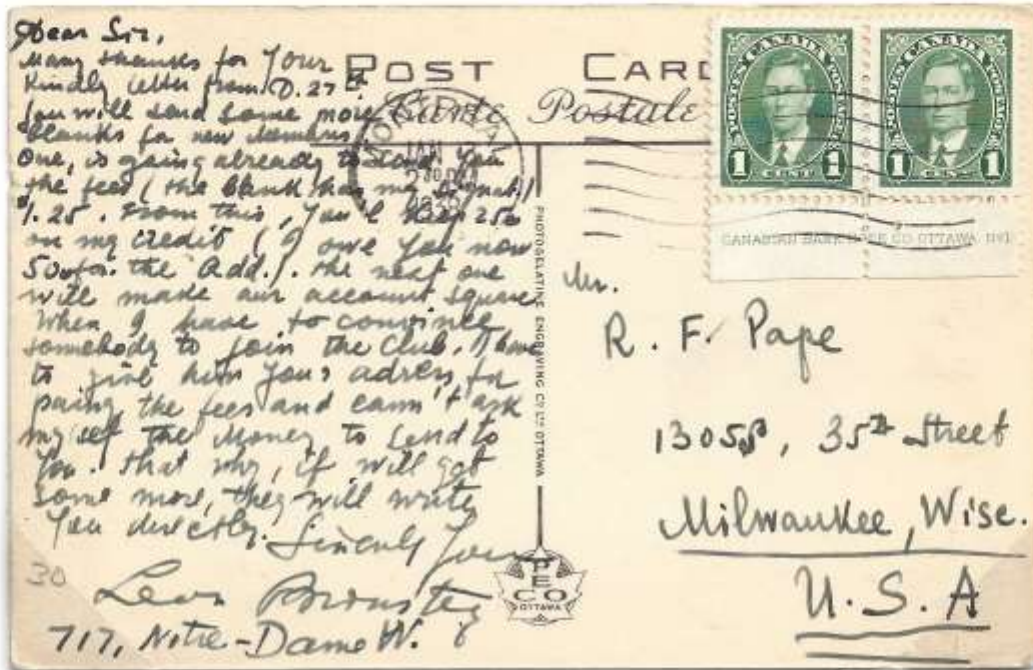


King George VI --- "Mufti Issue"

1¢

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Inscription Piece Paying the Post Card Rate to U.S.A. - 2¢



A Post Card mailed from Montreal on January 3, 1938 to Milwaukee, Wisc. U.S.A. CANADIAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA No. 1

Inscription Piece Paying the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Class Domestic Forward Rate - 3¢



Correspondence mailed via MON. & TOR. // R.P.O. on April 28, 1937 to Farnham, P. Que. CANADIAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA No. 4

**Domestic Postage Rates – King George VI 1937 – 1942 "Mufti" Era**

**Use of Pre-cancelled Stamps**

**In the Mufti Issue pre-cancelled stamps appear in the denominations of 1¢, 2¢, 3¢ and 5¢. The manner of pre-cancellation is in the form of three pairs of thin lines pre-printed upon the stamp or the inscription of the number of the city in the Dominion Post Office Money Order system.**

**Pre-cancelled 1¢ Postage**



**Postal Regulation 274 as cited in the Canada Official Postal Guide 1936 – 1937 states in part as follows:**

**"The use of pre-cancelled stamps (or stamps cancelled before actually used for payment of postage) on articles of mail other than letters, is permitted in some of the larger centres, where extensive mailings are made under very stringent regulations. Persons or firms wishing to use pre-cancelled stamps must make application to the Postmaster....."**

**In no circumstances may pre-cancelled stamps be used for payment of postage on letters.**

**When pre-cancelled stamps are used on any article of mail, the postage on the article should be entirely prepaid by means of pre-cancelled stamps.**

**....."**

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**Transportation of Mail – Railway Post Offices (RPO)**

**The sorting of letters en route was inaugurated in Canada when the Great Western Railway came into being. As the railway(s) made their way across Canada, linking East with West, the handling of mail en route became increasingly common, reaching its acme in the late 1940's – early 1950's and fast declining with the advent of mail carriage by air.**

**M. JAW & CAL. R.P.O. / No 1  
1 / SP 12 / 39**

**"The Westbound DOMINION of the CPR"**



**MOOSE JAW DEPOT (CPR)**



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**Transportation of Mail – Travelling Post Office (TPO)**

**The Travelling Post Office came about when persons, wishing to ensure their mail received early delivery, placed their mail in the hands of a “baggage man” on a train which had no railway mail car with the understanding that the “baggage man” would place the mail on the appropriate train for furtherance of its delivery.**



**This correspondence was mailed at New Liskeard, Ontario on July 12, 1937 as evidenced by a purple back stamp on the envelope.**

**New Liskeard is situated between Cochrane, Ontario and North Bay, Ontario. Served by a railway post office from 1906 – 1908, New Liskeard no longer had railway mail service in 1937; however, the baggage man on the southbound run of the T. & N.O. (Ontario Northland Railway), which ran from Cochrane to North Bay, obligingly placed westbound and eastbound letters in a “North Bay box” and southbound letters in a “Toronto box”. At North Bay, the “North Bay box” was sorted for delivery while the “Toronto box” was forwarded to Toronto where the letters were cancelled and delivered.**

**This letter travelled from New Liskeard to North Bay in the “Toronto box”, and was then forwarded from North Bay to Toronto; whereupon arrival in Toronto the Travelling Letter Box cancellation was applied.**

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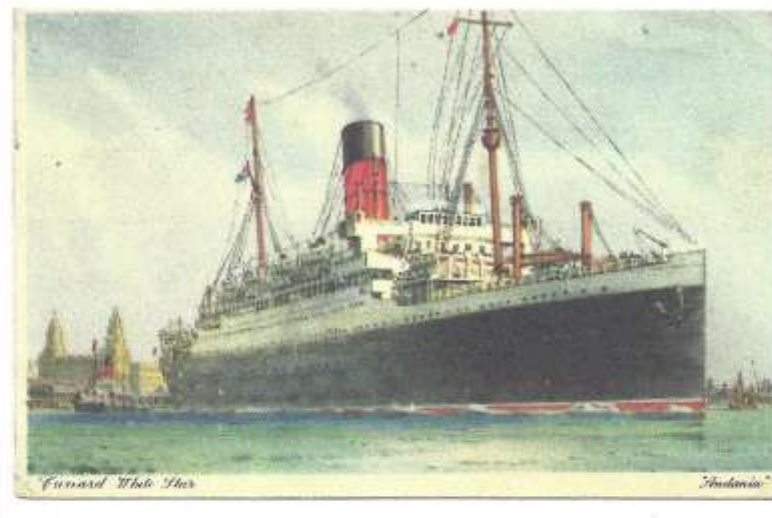
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## Paquebot

Paquebot is the term given to a correspondence written and posted at sea.

"Letters, etc., mailed on a vessel at sea may be prepaid by means of postage stamps of the country whose flag the ship carries; but letters mailed on a vessel in port must be prepaid with stamps of the country to which the port belongs." Canada Official Postal Guide 1938 – 1939 pp.65 para 326.

Upon reaching a port en route or as destination the postal officer, most likely the purser, delivers his holding of correspondence to a local postal authority for onward transmission.

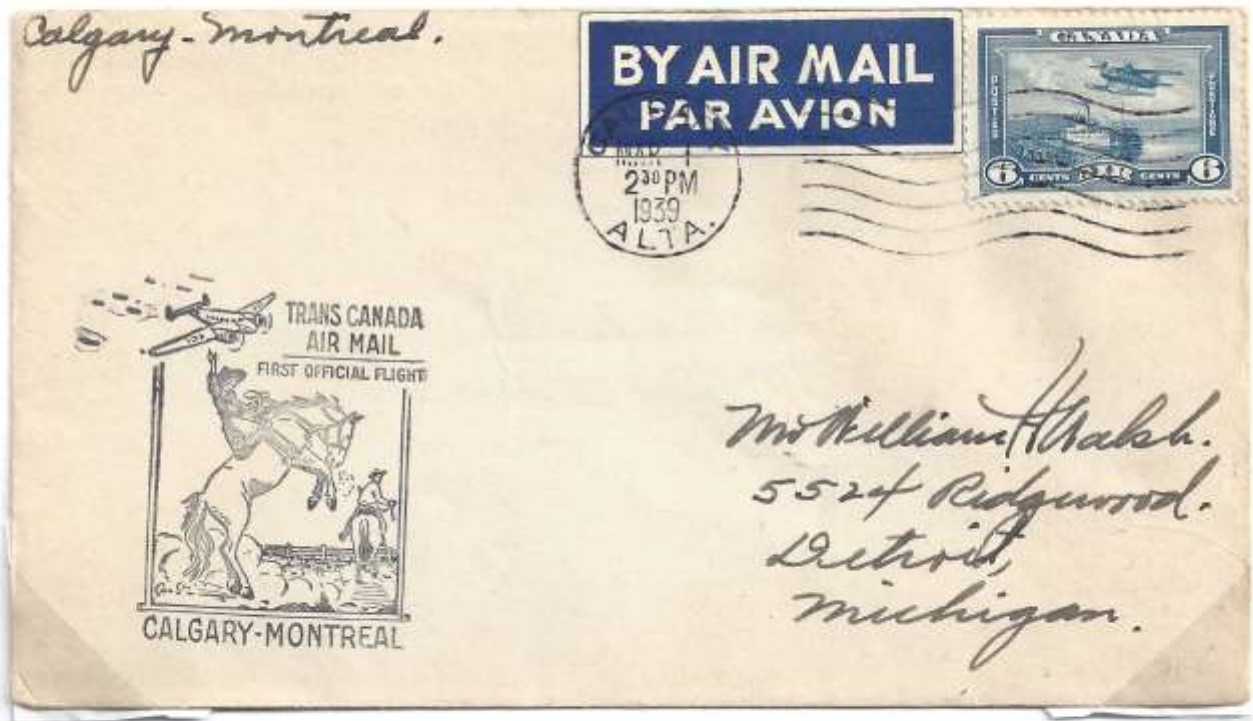


Written on board *RMS Andania* on May 21<sup>st</sup> as the ship passed Father Point (Point-au-Pere), the post card is franked with the 2¢ Mufti stamp of Canada and is forwarded from Glasgow on May 28, 1938 having been received at Greenock, a port en route to Liverpool. *RMS Andania* sailed from Montreal and received passengers by tender at Quebec City before proceeding on to Greenock and Liverpool.

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**Air Mail – 6¢ for the first ounce, 5¢ per each additional ounce**

**Trans Canada Airlines First Flight – Calgary to Montreal**



**A First Flight Air Mail Letter mailed on March 1, 1939 at Calgary, Alta., to Detroit, Michigan, USA via Montreal P.Q., franked with a 6¢ 1938 Air Mail Issue paying the 6¢ Domestic Air Mail Rate for a letter not in excess of 1 ounce.**





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Patriotic Covers

The participation of Canada in World War II brought forward many "patriotic cover cachets". In 1941, the Post Office Department introduced the "patriotic" voluntary military recruitment slogan "Enlist Now" concurrently with the encouraging slogan "V...—" forecasting victory.

"Enlist Now"



"V...—"



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3¢

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Military Mail

ST. BRUNO CAMP MILITAIRE - P.Q. -

Proofed in June 1939, the P.O. was opened on June 18, 1939 and closed in September 1940

ST. BRUNO CAMP MILITAIRE - P.Q. – was renamed St. Bruno MPO 402 in May 1941



Mailed by #2583 C.Q.M.S. W.W. White "B" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Victoria Rifles of Canada on September 2, 1940 and received in Stouffville, Ontario on September 3, 1940.

### The Second World War

The regiment was called out on service for local protection duties on 26 August 1939. [Footnote26](#) Details of the regiment were also mobilized for active service under the designation 'Victoria Rifles of Canada, CASF (Details)' on 1 September 1939. [Footnote27](#) The details called out on active service were disbanded on 31 December 1940 [Footnote28](#) and the regiment mobilized an active service unit designated 'The Victoria Rifles of Canada, CASF' on 24 May 1940. [Footnote29](#) It was redesignated '1st Battalion, The Victoria Rifles of Canada, CASF' on 7 November 1940. [Footnote30](#) It served in Canada, and in Newfoundland from November 1940 to September 1941 on garrison duty as part of the 17th Infantry Brigade, 7th Canadian Division. [Footnote31](#) It embarked for Great Britain on 20 November 1944. [Footnote32](#) The battalion was disbanded on 21 November 1944, to provide reinforcements to the Canadian Army in the field. [Footnote33](#)

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/his/ol-lo/vol-tom-3/par2/vrc-eng.asp>

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Prisoner of War Mail

Air Mail 6¢  
Postage Paid



An Air Mail Letter mailed in RCAF stationery on March 3, 1942 at High River, Alta., to Stalag Luft 1, Deutschland, with 2 X 3¢ Mufti Issue paying the 6¢ Domestic Air Mail Rate for a letter not in excess of 1 ounce, addressed to Gefangenennummer (Prisoner Number) 87.

PRISONER OF WAR MAIL  
KRIEGSGEFANGENEN POST

The card was EXAMINED BY CENSOR DB / C. 99

Stalag Luft 1 was situated at Barth, Germany, a small town on the Baltic Sea, approximately 85 km NNE from Rostock.

"American Prisoners of War in Germany", prepared by Military Intelligence Service War Department 1 November 1945, states "Stalag Luft 1 was opened in October 1942 as a British camp but when the Red Cross....."

The date of March 3, 1942 on this cover refutes the Military Intelligence since there is no indication of forwarding to another location for mail service to F/O William Harry Eden, a R.A.F. Prisoner of War.

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### Censored Mail

Postal censorship is the inspection or examination of mail, most often by governments, that can include opening, reading or marking of covers, postcards, parcels or other postal packets.

Postal censorship in Canada is authorized by the *War Measures Act, 1914*, as enacted in August, 1914.

The War Measures Act, 1914 gave the Governor in Council broad powers that might be implemented in times of national emergency. Postal censorship is addressed in Paragraph 3 (a) wherein the subject is expressly addressed as "*Censorship and the control and suppression of publications, writings, maps, plans, photographs, communications and means of communication;*"

*Surface Letter - 5¢ for the first ounce and 3¢ for each additional ounce*

### China



*Surface mail letter mailed on November 19, 1940 from Toronto, Ontario to Peking, China, franked with the 5¢ Mufti Issue paying the 5¢ surface letter rate for a letter not in excess of 1 oz. to Peking, China.*

*In-transit back stamp Shanghai 13 - 12 with Chinese slogan marking*

*Received in Peking 17 - 12*

*The letter was "in-transit" 29 days*

## MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED

With the onset of World War II, mail service from Canada to Germany and its Axis partners and to jurisdictions occupied by the invading forces was suspended. The initial notices of suspension of service occurred on September 4, 1939.

### Europe

### Surface Mail to Germany

Mailed from  
Winnipeg  
August 30, 1939

Censored in Canada  
C. 17 – Ottawa, Ont.

Service Suspended  
September 4, 1939

Service Restored  
April 13, 1946  
POWB # 1310



Notice of suspension of mail service to **Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia** was communicated by Canada Post [1] on September 4, 1939 by Canadian National Telegraph to:  
Inspector of Postal Services – Charlottetown  
District Superintendents of North Bay, Saskatoon & Edmonton  
District Directors of Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto  
London, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Calgary and Vancouver  
and by Letter to the District Director – Ottawa  
and by Wire to Postmasters at Hamilton, Regina and Victoria

### References:

- [1] National Library & Archives RC-3-2 File 35-1-19 (2751)
- [2] Post Office Weekly Bulletins (POWB)

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Corporate Publicity Card  
B-A (British American Oil Company) Speedicard



Speedicard



*This Space for Additional Message*

all well, Will spend to-night  
again in Montreal than start  
for the U.S.A. to-morrow.  
hope you all enjoyed your  
trip Love  
Sarah

Mrs E. Speers

46 E. Stewart Ave.

London

Pa!

IN THE AIR...ON WATER...ON LAND, it's B-A ALL THE WAY!

Dear  GIRLS  HUBBY  FAMILY  SWEETHEART

I'm mailing this from:  
a **B-A** SERVICE STATION IN Montreal, Aug. 2nd  
YOU ARE NOW IN  
DRIVE CAREFULLY

Believe it or not I've been:

ROUGHING IT  UP TO MY OLD TRICKS

REST  ADVENTURE

and I've had lots of

YEARS YOUNGER  WORN OUT  FIT AS A FIDDLE

I'm feeling

Next stop will be some where in Canada and I'll arrive home

HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME WISH YOU WERE HERE  LOVE  BEST WISHES  KIND REGARDS

WHEN MONEY RUNS OUT  NEXT WEEK  LATER

B-A (British American Oil Company) Speedicard is a corporate publicity card. It is presumed the cards were distributed to customers of their service stations in Canada. When forwarded on as a personal communication on August 2, 1941 the post card rate of 2¢ was applied and accepted.

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**Slogan Cancellations**

**Slogan cancellations have been used to for many purposes including the promotion of an event, the raising of money for worthwhile purposes and the commemoration of significant milestones.**

**Presented here are two significant milestones.**

**“The Dedication of the Blue Water International Bridge”**



**“The Centenary of the Postage Stamp – May 6, 1940”**



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1¢ Coil

June 15, 1937 - February 8, 1943

Coil Strip of Six (6)

Paying the domestic air mail rate of 6¢ for the first ounce plus 5¢ each additional ounce.



Mailed from Toronto, Ont. on November 13, 1940 to Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Mailed from Regina, Sask. on July 2, 1941 to Toronto, Ontario.