

## Use of Canadian O.H.M.S Perfins in the Second World War Era

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Before official O.M.H.S. perfins, several Canadian Government Departments used, without official Government approval, their own perfins.

Examples are MD for Militia Department, ND for Department of National Defence, CBC for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In addition various Provincial (State) Departments used perfins such as PEI, Q/CLQ/C, and W/CB.

There were two types of O.H.M.S. perfins. The larger five hole (5 holes in vertical bars of H) were

in use from 1912 to the Royal Visit issue of 1939 plus airmail issues from 1928-1938 and special delivery issue 1898-1939. These issues are much more expensive than the second type.

The small, four-hole (4 holes in vertical bars of H) varieties were in use starting with the Pictorial Issue of 1935 to the King George VI with Postes-Postage issue of 1949 and including Air Mail issues of 1928-1946, Air Mail Special Delivery issue of 1942-47 and the Special Delivery issues of 1933-1946.

The time period of use of the two types of O.H.M.S. perfins overlap. The practice of issuing O.H.M.S. perfins was discontinued in 1949 and was replaced by first overprinting stamps with **O.H.M.S.** and subsequently by **G**.

Canada stopped issuing "official stamps" at the end of 1963. I worked for the Customs & Excise Div of Department of National Revenue from 1955 to 1959 *but did not get any samples!*

I have not seen any list of those Federal Government Departments that were authorized to use official stamps and continue to collect sample covers showing different corner cards.

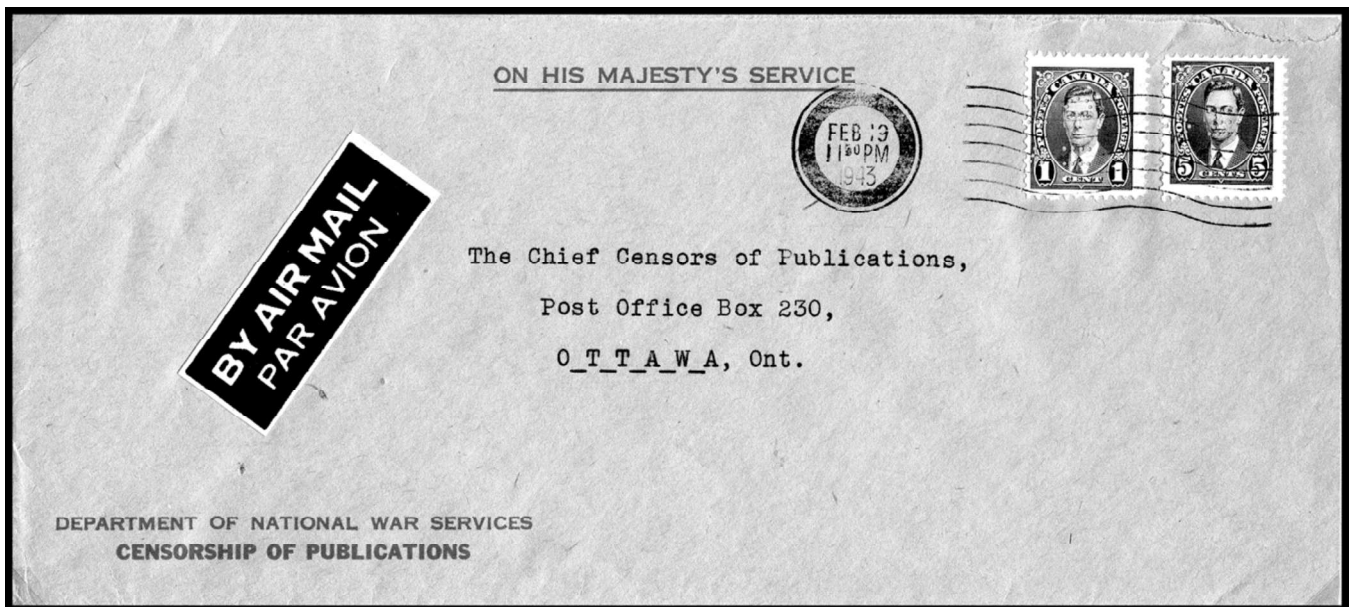
---- **Changes in postal rates**

Prior to the start of the Second World War in 1939 the following rates were in effect.

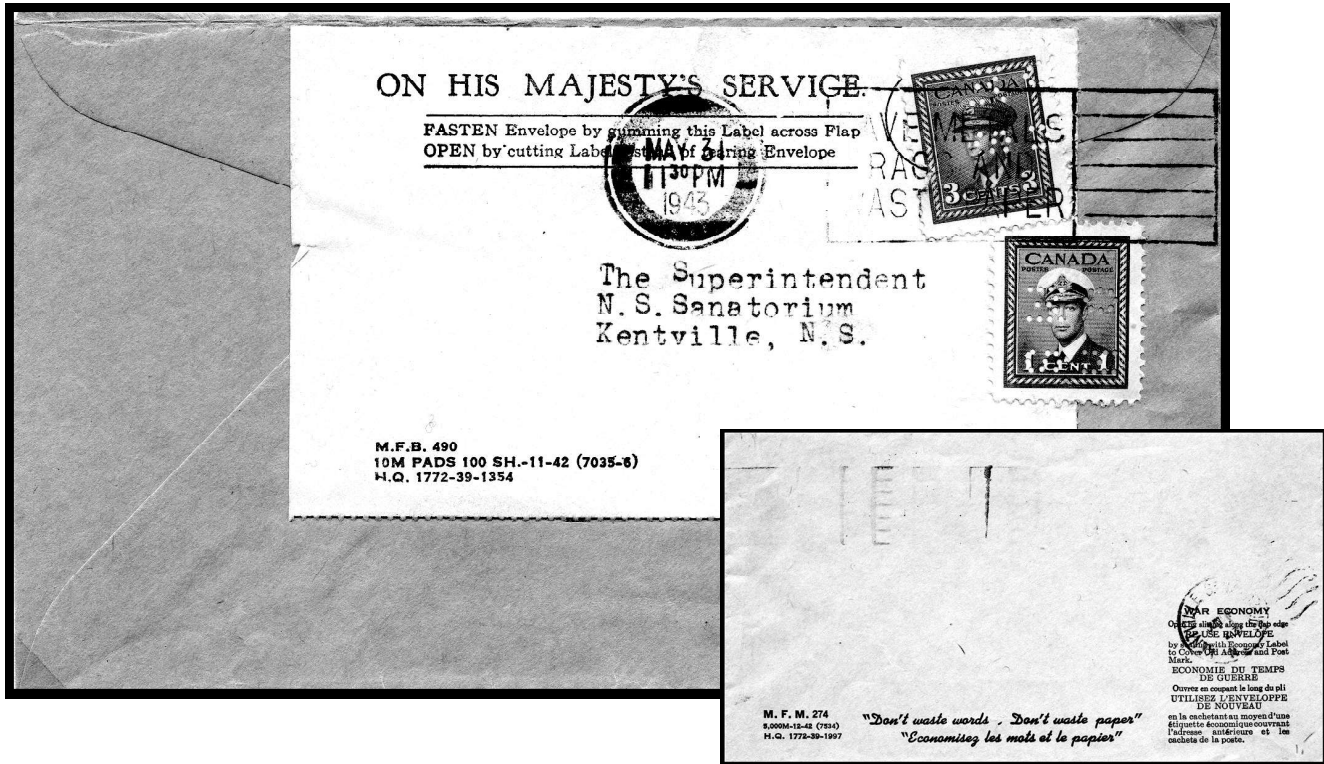
	1939	April 1, 1943 Raised to
Printed Business postcards	1¢	stays 1¢
Local delivery – unsealed	2¢	3¢
Post cards – domestic rate	2¢	3¢
Post cards - outside of Canada	3¢	4¢
Local delivery – sealed	2¢	3¢
First class to USA	3¢	4¢
Inter-City within Canada	3 ¢	4¢
Airmail for delivery to Canada, the U.S.A, United Kingdom & Northern Ireland, Newfoundland & Eire.	6¢	to 7¢

This O.H.M.S. cover is clearly for the use of the **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES // CENSORSHIP OF PUBLICATIONS**

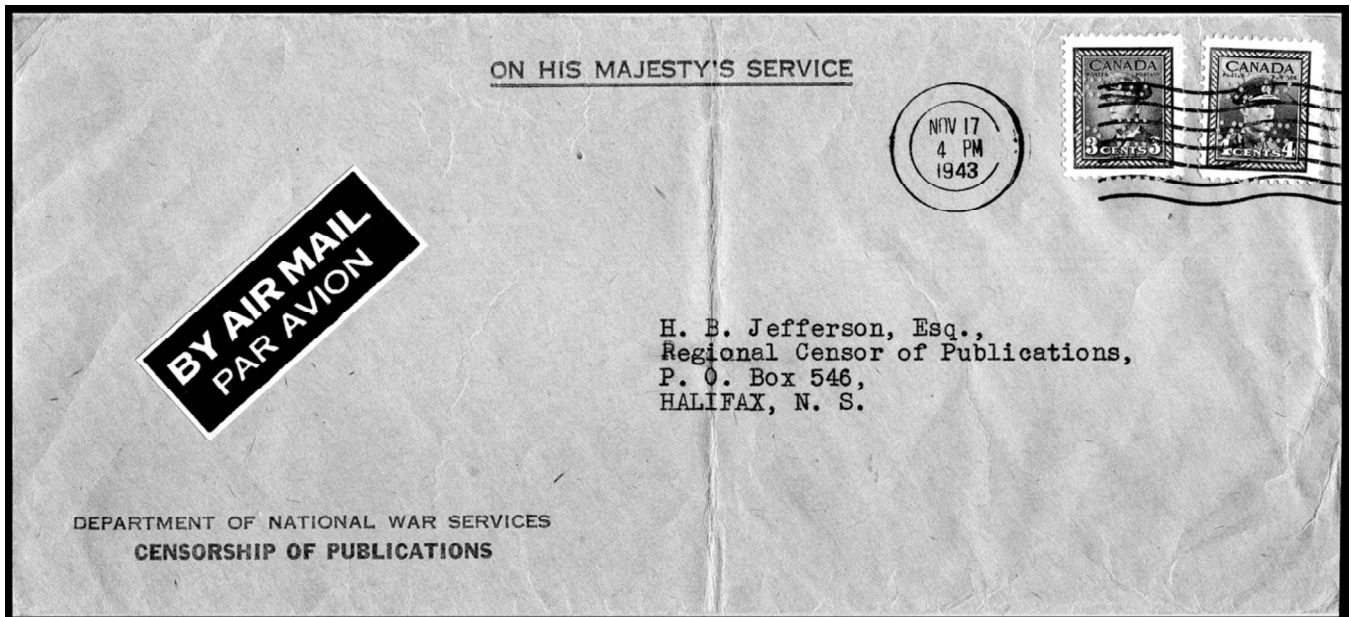
The two perfins are the 4-hole King George VI (KGVII) 1 and 5 cent stamps of the Mufti issue. The cover was air mailed from Halifax, NS on FEB 13- 1943 to Ottawa, Ont. The blackout machine cancel has been previously identified as used in Halifax, N.S.



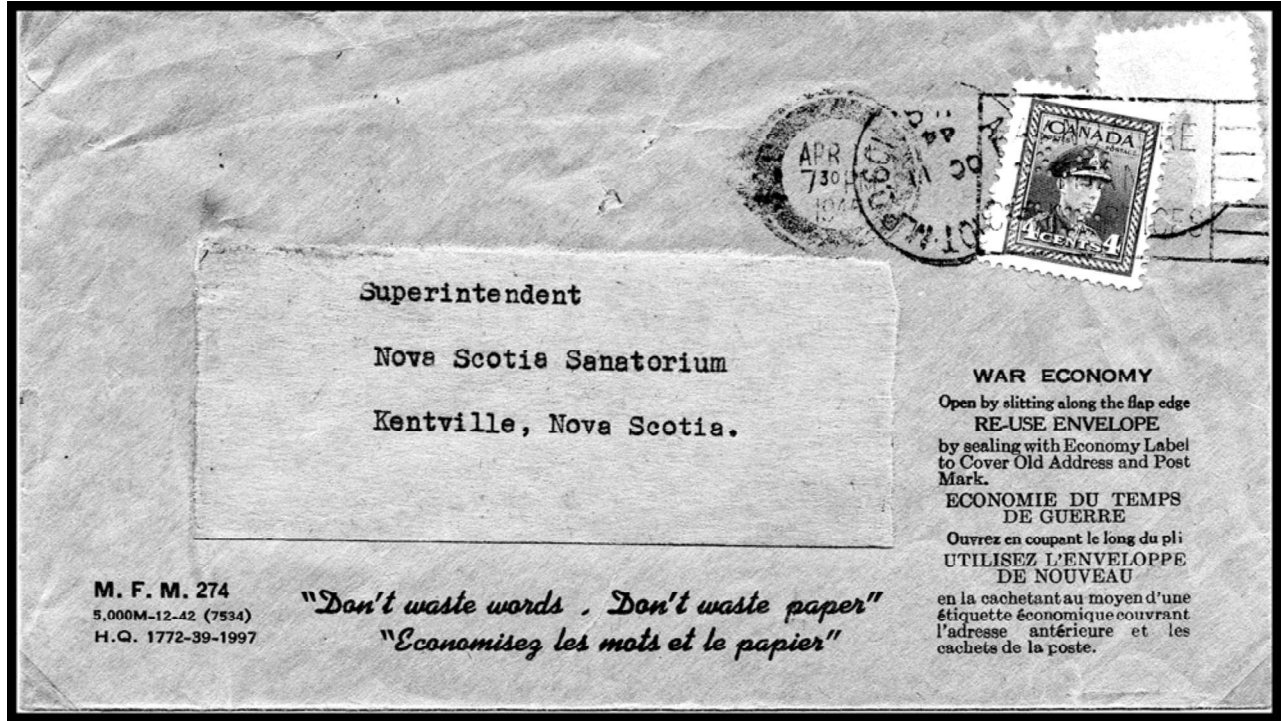
The re-use cover was only used once. It was mailed from Halifax, N.S. as per blackout of MAY 31, 1943 to the N.S. Sanatorium (T.B.) in Kentville, NS. It is franked with 4-hole perfins of the 1cent green and 3 cent rose violet of KGVI war issue.



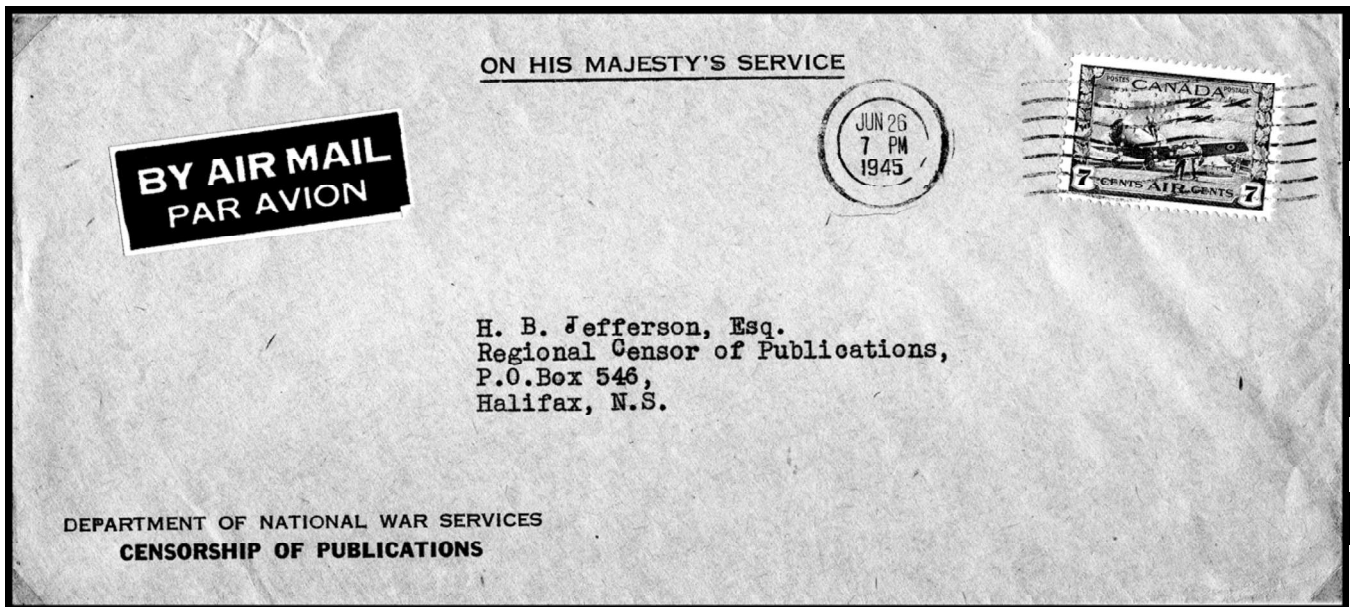
This cover is from the same Department as Fig.1but was sent airmail to Halifax, N.S. on NOV 17-1943. The mute cancel has been identified as originating from the Seaport of Vancouver, B.C. It is franked with singles of the 3-cent violet and 4 cent carmine of the KGVI war issue.



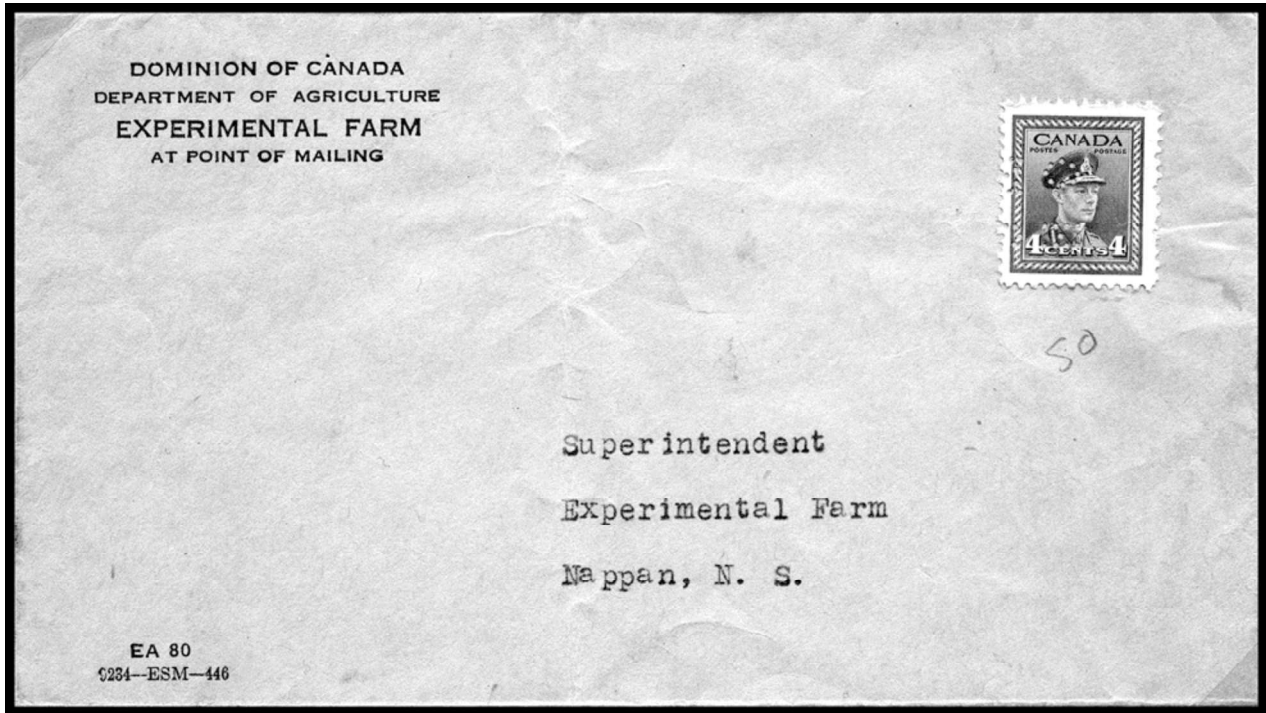
This Official WAR ECONOMY issue envelope was used at least twice and likely three times. Note blackout cancel of APR 11-7.30pm – 1945 at left and partial single circle cancel of ALDERSHOT-M.P.O. OC 11 –44 N.S. at the right of the O.H.M.S. 4 cent carmine O.H.M.S. perfin. It was also mailed to the Sanatorium in Kentville, N.S.



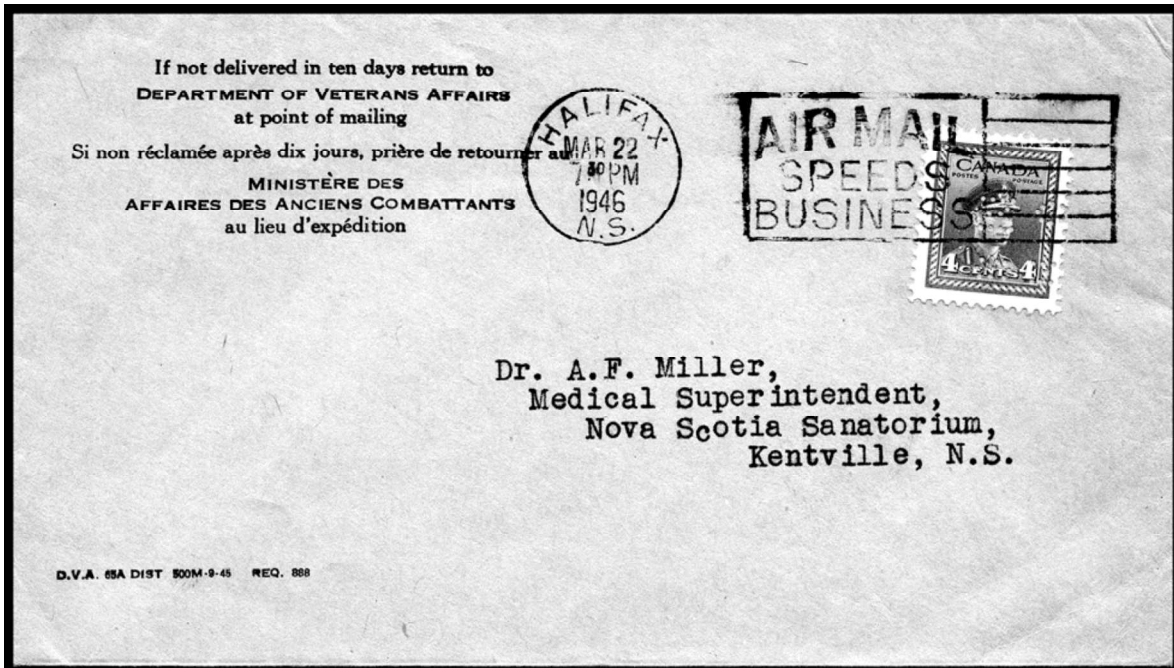
This envelope is the same as in Fig 1 and the origin & destination is the same as in Fig. 2. The blue 7 cent British Commonwealth Air Training Plan O.H.M.S. stamp is canceled with a mute machine cancel on JUN 26-7 pm-1945 with no origin indicated.



This non-canceled cover has the 4-cent carmine war issue of KGVI from The DOMINION OF CANADA- DEPARTTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- EXPERIMENTAL FARM to the EXPERIMENTAL FARM in NAPPAN, N.S.

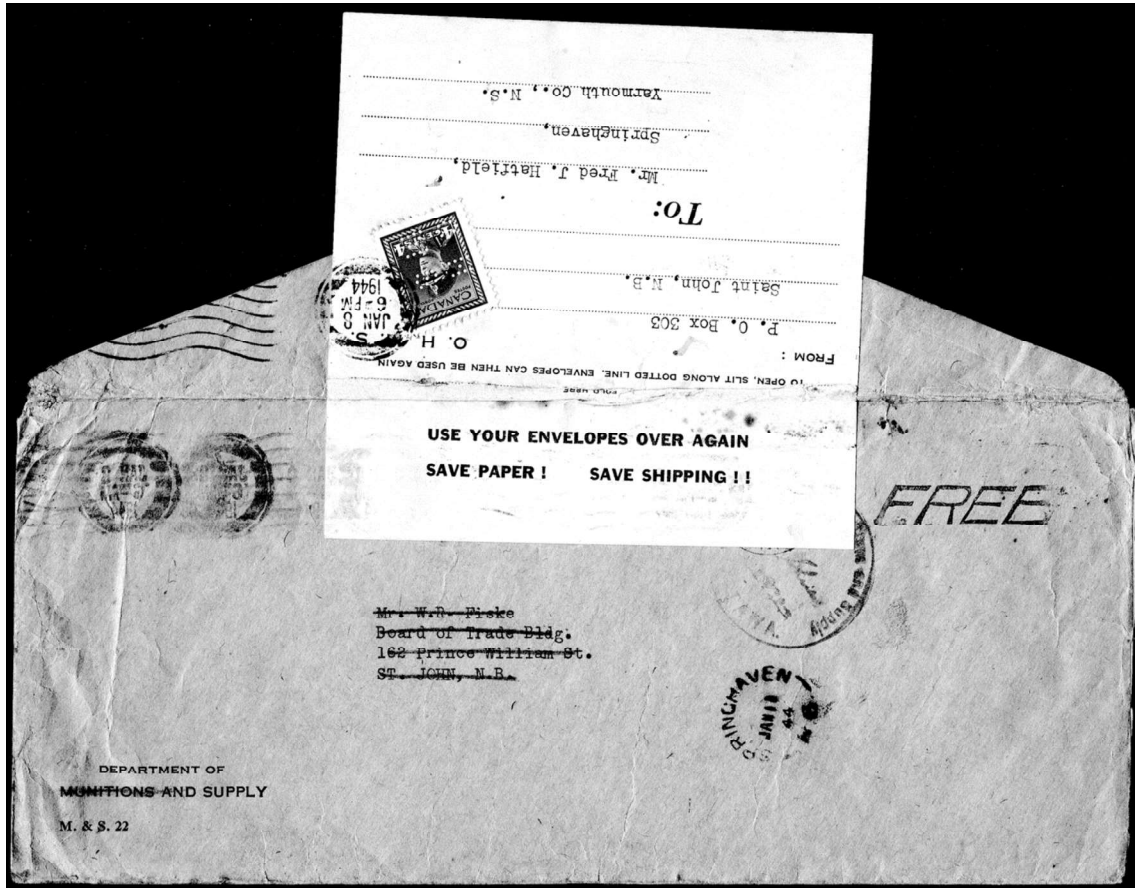


This cover with the 4 cent carmine perfin is slightly after WWII. It was mailed on March 22, 1946 by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Halifax, N.S. to the Nova Scotia Sanatorium at Kentville, NS. It is included in this article as until the use of Streptomycin in 1946, T.B. was very hard to cure. Eventually the various sanatoriums were closed. Unfortunately resistant T.B. has made a comeback.

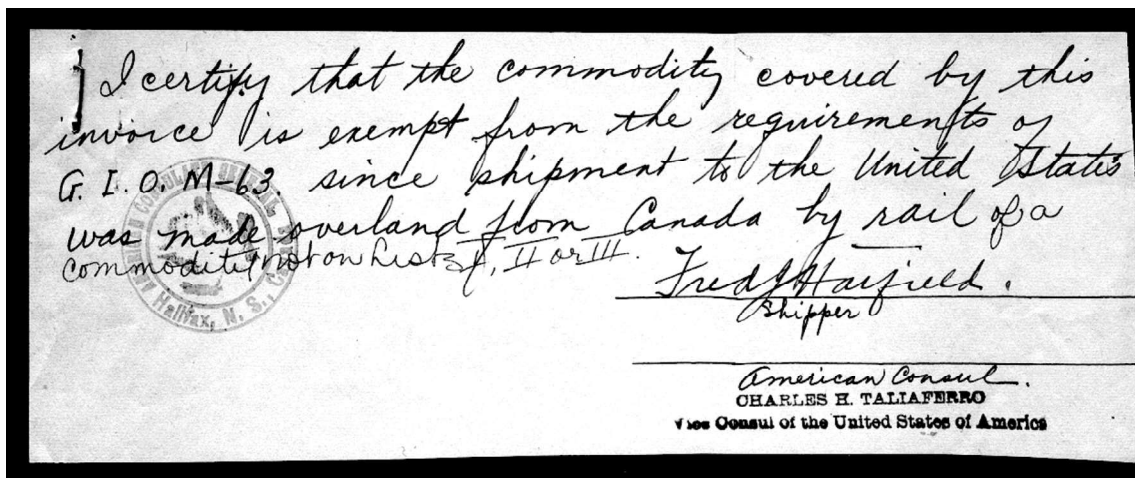


This cover is an excellent example of a reused envelope. It was first sent by The Department of / MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY, to W.R. Fiske in Saint John, NB. as per OTTAWA, ONTARIO **FREE** cancel of Jan.3-1944.

It was used again with the application of the Re-Use label and mailed to Fred J. Hatfield, Springhaven, Yarmouth Co., N.S. The 4 cent carmine O.H.M.S. KGVI was canceled on JAN 8 – 1944 with the Saint John, N.B. machine blackout and the new reverse has a SPRINGHAVEN – JAN11 – 44 –N.S.



Of interest is the INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE for the sale to the USA of *Spruce & Hack Ship's Knees*.



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**INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE**

(Before preparing this invoice, read instructions carefully)

(1) PURCHASED  (2) NOT PURCHASED

(Do not include PURCHASED and NOT PURCHASED merchandise in ONE invoice; use SEPARATE invoice for each)

Invoice of Halifax N.S. Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 44 (Place and date)  
Spruce & Hack. Knees: Lumber (2) { purchased from or agreed to be purchased from  
 (3) Fred J. Hatfield (Merchandise) of Springhaven N.S.  
 by { George Douglas (Seller of consignor) of Brooklyn N.Y.  
 to { George Douglas (Purchaser of consignee) of Brooklyn N.Y.  
 (4) as per order accepted Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 43 (Date)  
 for the account of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)  
 to be shipped per C.M.B. St. John's Ave. Brooklyn Eastern Dist. Terminal; Brooklyn N.Y. (Carrier)

(5) MARKS AND NUMBERS ON SHIPPING PACKAGES	(6) MANUFACTURER'S OR SELLER'S NUMBERS OR SYMBOLS	(7) IMPORTER'S NUMBERS OR SYMBOLS	(8) QUANTITIES AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS (N. B.—Always state the cost of packing, and all other costs, charges, and expenses)	(9) INVOICE UNIT (See questions below)	(10) INVOICE TOTAL	(11) CURRENT PRICE (Less discounts or export) PER UNIT
368			Spruce & Hack. Ships Knees.	\$4.34 <sup>253</sup> / <sub>368</sub>	1599.65	4.34 <sup>253</sup> / <sub>368</sub>
			Consular Fee		2.50	
					<u>\$1602.15</u>	

Freight included in invoice price: (10,314 Ld. Ft.)  
\$245.79

(Read carefully instructions 1 and 9 before answering the first three following questions)

Is this merchandise shipped by air?  
 If answer to preceding question is "Yes," indicate below are usually made: (a) export value to the United States; (b) the manufacturer's name in the ordinary wholesales distribution.  
 Is the currency, entered as \_\_\_\_\_, the same as that of the country of origin?  
 Have you enumerated all items of the merchandise?  
 Have you separately itemized the items?  
 Is such or similar merchandise applicable? \_\_\_\_\_

(When invoice is signed by authorized agent the name of his principal must be shown)

QUADRUPPLICATE  
 CONSULAR INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE

Invoice No. 30 Issued in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified JAN 8 1944 (Date)

FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT  
Halifax N.S.  
 Date Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 44  
 Seller Fred J. Hatfield  
Springhaven N.S.  
 Purchaser George Douglas  
Brooklyn N.Y.  
 Carrier C.M.B.  
 Port of shipment Bellville N.S.  
 Destination of goods Brooklyn N.Y.  
 Port of arrival St. Albans Vt.  
 Port of entry St. Albans Vt.  
 Amount of invoice \$1602.15  
 Kind of goods Ships Knees.

DECLARATION OF SELLER OR SHIPPER, OR THE AGENT OF EITHER, WHEN MERCHANDISE IS SHIPPED IN PURSUANCE OF A PURCHASE OR AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE

I, Fred J. Hatfield, acting in the capacity described below, truly declare that \_\_\_\_\_ of Springhaven N.S. is the (seller) (shipper) of the merchandise described in the within or attached invoice; that the merchandise is sold or agreed to be sold; that there is no other invoice differing from the within or attached invoice, and that all the statements contained herein and in such invoice are true and correct.

I, Fred J. Hatfield, further declare that \_\_\_\_\_ and that it is intended to make entry of said merchandise at the port of St. Albans Vt. in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Dated at Halifax N.S. this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1944  
Fred J. Hatfield (Seller)

CONSULAR CERTIFICATE Form 140

JAN 8 1944 (Date)

I do hereby certify that this invoice was this day produced to me by the signer of the above declaration. I do further certify that I am satisfied that the person making the declaration above is the person he represents himself to be, and that a fee of \$2.50 United States currency equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (Local currency) has been paid by affixing stamps to the original copy of this document.

Witness my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

DECLARATION OF SHIPPER OR HIS AGENT WHEN THE MERCHANDISE IS SHIPPED OTHERWISE THAN IN PURSUANCE OF A PURCHASE OR AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE

I, Fred J. Hatfield, acting in the capacity described below, truly declare that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is the (shipper) of the merchandise described in the within or attached invoice; that the merchandise is shipped otherwise than in pursuance of a purchase, or an agreement to purchase; that there is no other invoice differing from the within or attached invoice, and that all statements contained herein and in such invoice are true and correct.

I, Fred J. Hatfield, further declare that \_\_\_\_\_ and that it is intended to make entry of said merchandise at the port of \_\_\_\_\_ in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (Shipper)

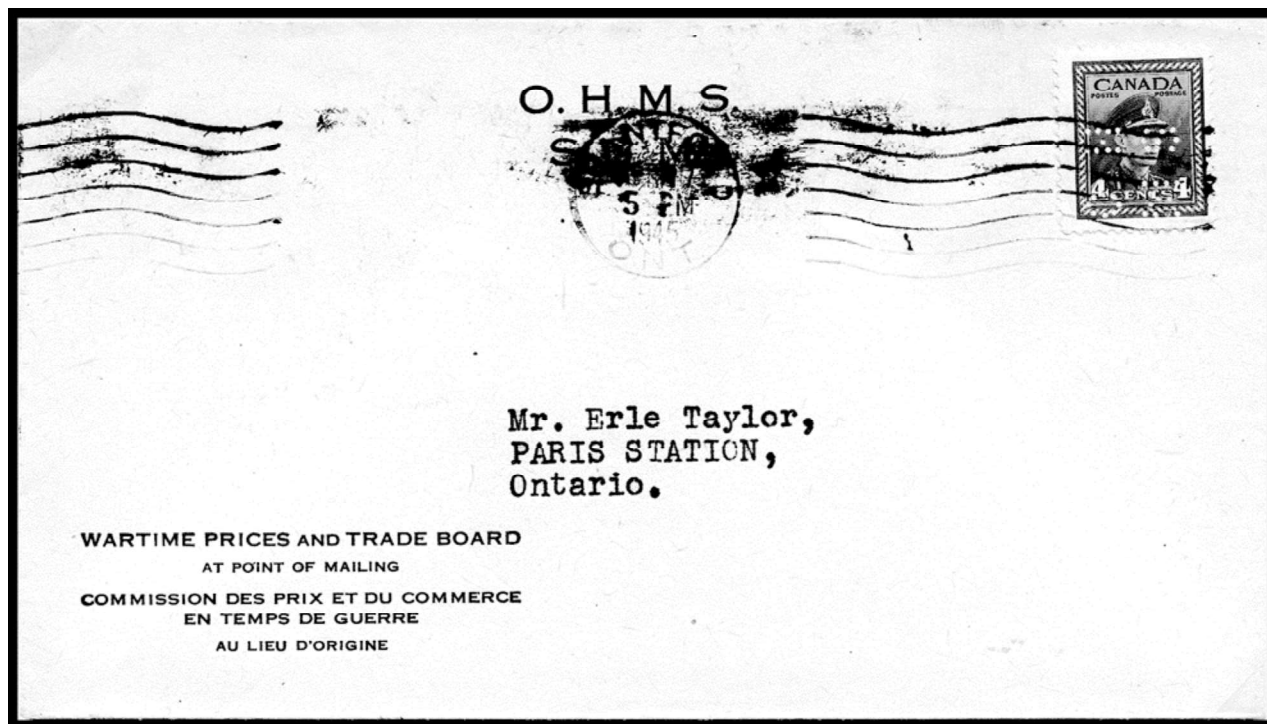
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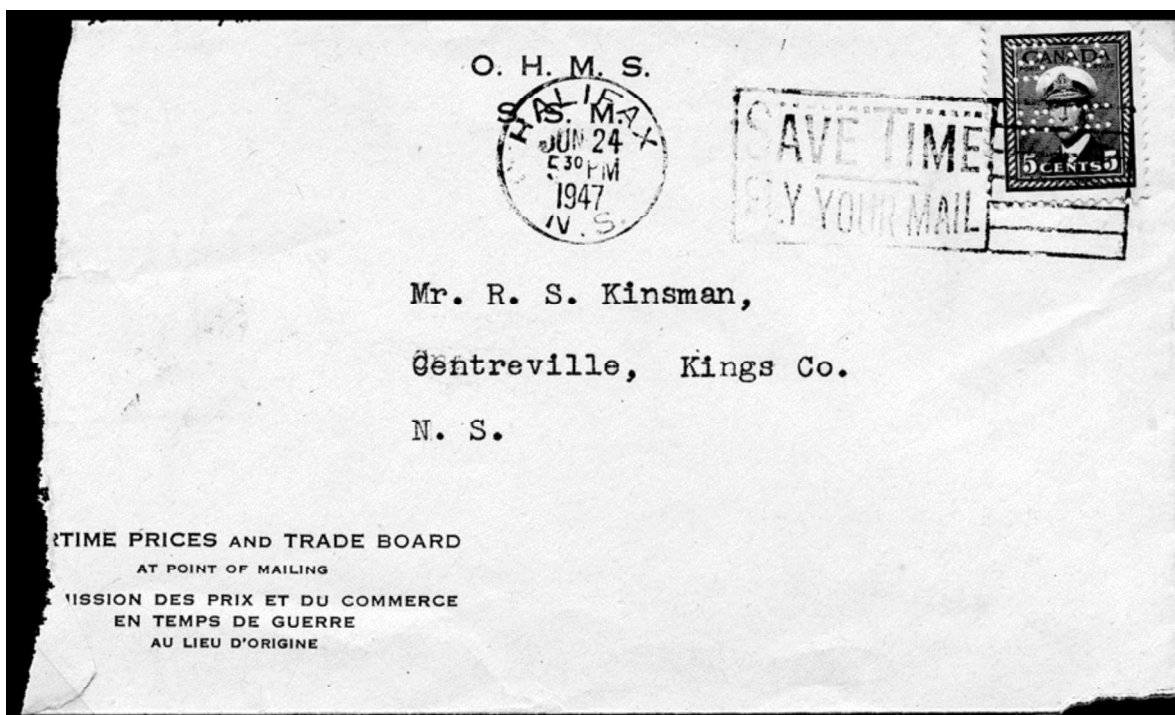
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Witness my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

These two covers were both from "WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD AT POINT OF MAILING". In both official languages (English & French) The top cover was mailed from Brantford, ONT in 1945 to Erle Taylor, PARIS STATION, Ontario, with a 4 cent carmine O.H.M.S. Paris Station was a major rail interchange. It is now a suburb of Brantford, Ontario. Taylor was a major food and produce merchandiser wholesaler, etc.

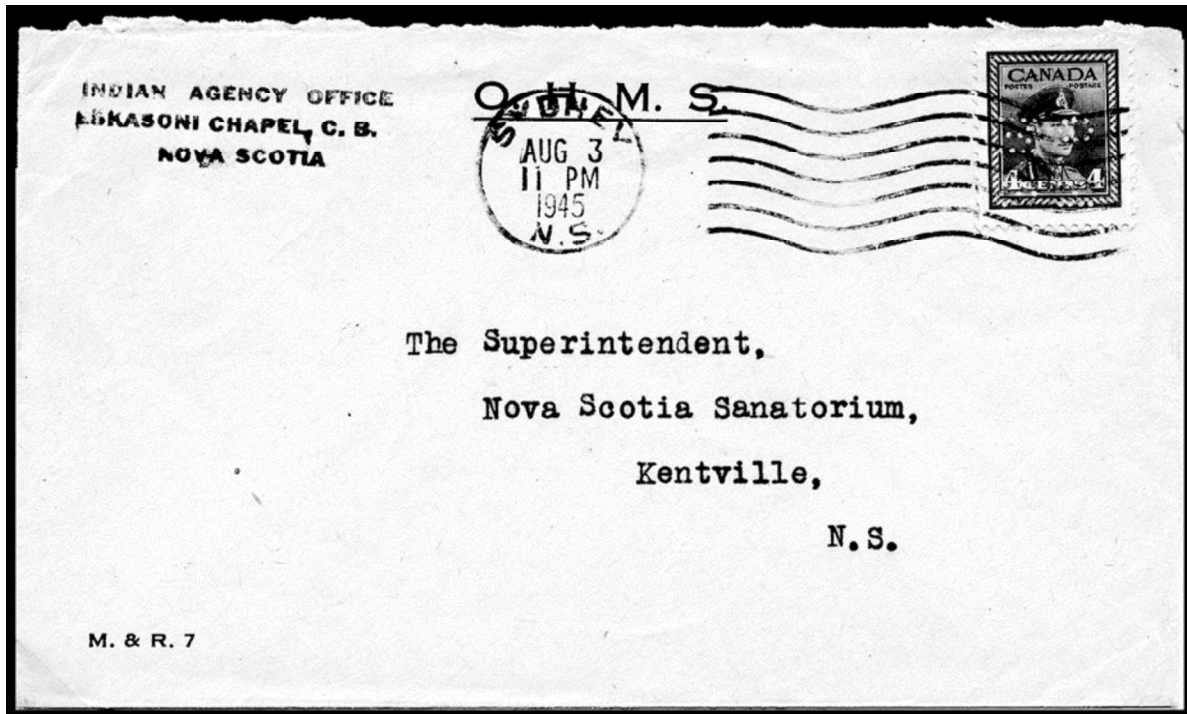


The second cover was mailed by the same agency on JUN 24, 1947 *but from their* Halifax, N.S. office to R.S. Kinsman, Centreville, NS and franked with a 5 blue O.H.M.S. cover.

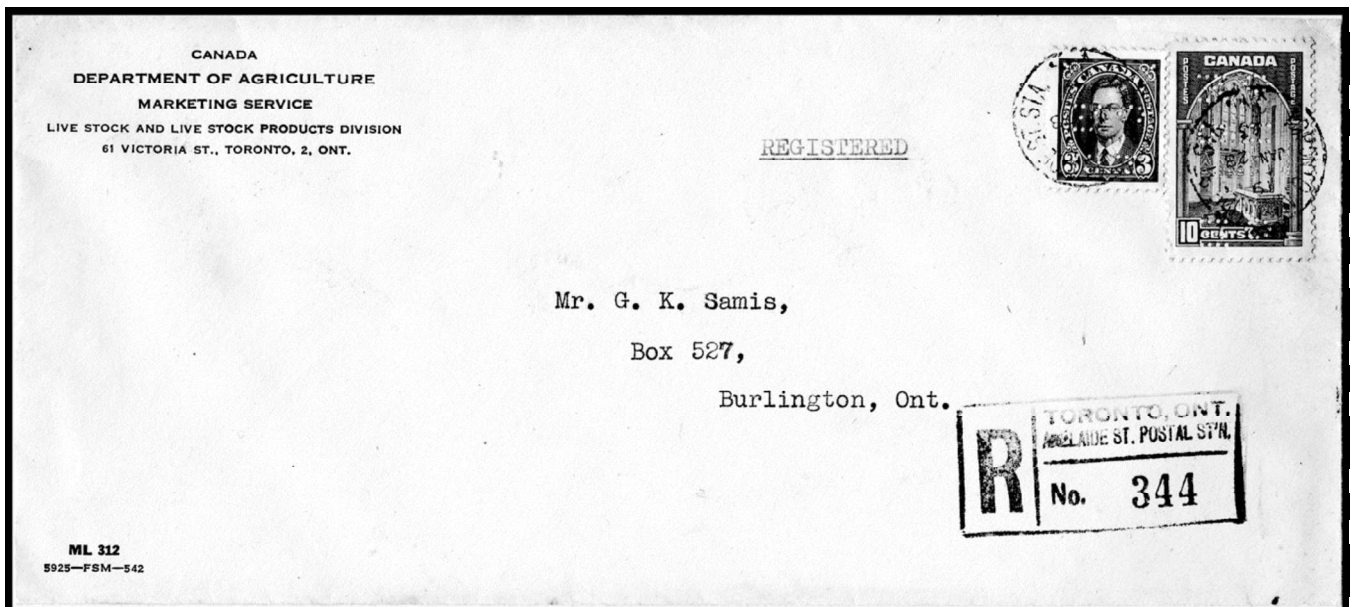




This O.H.M.S. cover was mailed from the INDIAN AGENCY OFFICE, ESKASONI CHAPEL, C(ape) B(reton), Nova Scotia. It was mailed from Sydney, N.S. to the Nova Scotia Sanatorium, in Kentville, N.S. on AUG 3 - 11 PM - 1945. It was also franked with the 4 cent carmine of KGVI.



This No. 10 envelope was mailed registered on January 28, 1943 By CANADA – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETING SERVICE, LIVE STOCK AND LIVE STOCK PRODUCTS DIVISION, @ 61 VICTORIA St., TORONTO 2, ONT. It was mailed to G.K. Samis, Burlington, Ont. on Lake Ontario, approximately 40 miles west of Toronto. The registered fee of 10 cents was paid by the 10 cent dark carmine Memorial Chamber stamp of the 1938 Pictorial Issue, and the postage was paid by a 3 cent carmine of the Mufti Issue.



The envelope was pre-printed for DEPARTMENT OF *PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH*, which was typed out and replaced with **Veterans Affairs**. The franking of 4 cents was paid by singles of the 1 cent green and 3 cent violet of KGVI war issue.

