

# HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

## July 2011



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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107 Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

### MEETING CALENDAR

July 5 "When the Mail Goes to War"  
Contrasts the two US postal systems of the Civil War and features many fancy cancels of the era.

July 19 Philatelic Auction Night

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction sellers are asked to arrive 20 minutes early to allow for viewing of auction lots.

### CLUB OFFICERS

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

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### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a great source for information about stamp collecting activities in the Southeast region. Please visit [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com)

### HUNTSPEX 2011 AWARDS

**John T. Burnett**, "Canada – The Berri Duplex Cancel"

- APS Gold Medal and certificate
- APS Certificate of Award, Best Exhibit by APS Member
- Grand Award, Best Exhibit at HUNTSPEX 2011

**Arthur J. Cole**, "All My Love, For a Penny: Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes on Penny Post Cards of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century"

- APS Gold Medal and certificate
- AAPE Award of Honor Pin, for Exhibit Presentation
- Public Viewer Award

**Daniel A. Chaij**, "Cuba: The Center Sheet Block Collection 1926-1952"

- APS Silver Medal and certificate

**Peter Jacobi**, "A Free Press"

- APS Vermeil Medal and certificate

**David Oldfield**, "The Life and Journeys of Captain James Cook as depicted on World-wide Postage Stamps"

- APS Silver Medal and certificate
- ATA Certificate of Award, Best Topical Exhibit

**Glenn Smith**, "In the Service of Two Nations: USS Stewart DD-224/IJN Patrol Boat 102"

- APS Vermeil Medal and certificate
- USSS Award Medal, Best Exhibit of United States Stamps

**Glenn Smith**, "Heroes of the Cloth & Caduceus"

- APS Silver Medal and certificate

**Victor Willson**, "Canada Foreign Letter Mail 1979 – 2009"

- APS Gold Medal and certificate
- BNAPS Award, Best British North America Exhibit

**Raymond J. Pietruszka**, "Déjà vu: Postal History of the Russian Federation; 1992-1996 Air Mail Rates"

- APS Vermeil Medal and certificate
- WE Women Exhibitors, Sterling Achievement Medal

**Michael O'Reilly**, "Confederate Huntsville"

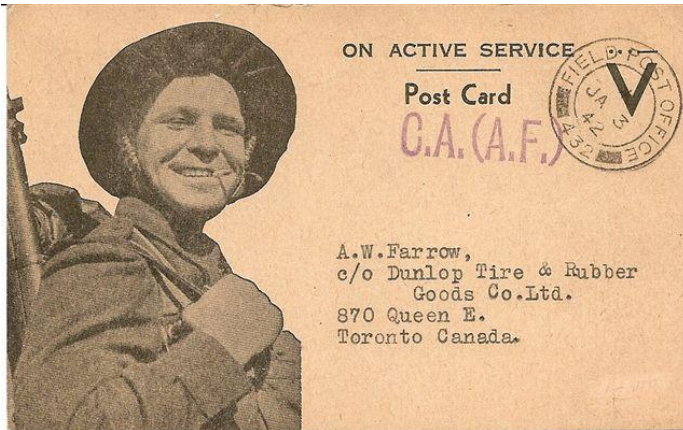
- non-competitive postal history exhibit

## WW II CIGARETTE CARDS

*John Burnett*

It's sometimes hard for me to realize that WWII is an event that occurred some 70 years ago, or that I can remember certain aspects of the war in its later years.

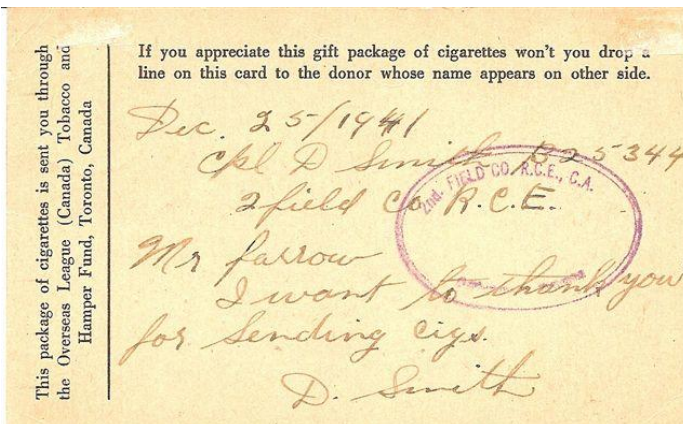
"Send cigarettes to the boys overseas" was a common plea in those days (pretty much politically incorrect today for our own boys serving us today in far off countries in our fight against terrorism). I wonder how many collectors of the time realized that this would give existence to a valuable source of regimental markings, and ship's handstamps.



There were a number of organizations that sponsored the sending of cigarettes to soldiers overseas, including a number of cigarette companies themselves.

The card illustrated with this article was one of those prepared by the Overseas League (Canada) Tobacco and Hamper Fund.

When a donation for a carton of cigarettes was received, a card such as illustrated here, was pre addressed to the donor and the card was placed in the carton, one card for each carton sent.



Upon receipt of the "smokes", the soldier would find the donors card and know who had sent him the cigarettes. On the back of the card was written "if you appreciate this gift of cigarettes won't you drop a line on this card to the donor who's name appears on the other side".

Almost all of these cards bear a field post office marking and a regimental marking. Because these were cards the strikes are generally clear and become a fine source of military markings.

I have a friend who has won some high awards with his collection of Cigarette Cards; this represents an opportunity for you to start a small collection of Canadian Postal History as these cards are readily available and not very expensive.

## YOUR PHILATELIC VOCABULARY 4

This is another in a series of philatelic definitions that will appear in club newsletters when space allows. The source of information is a book entitled "*The Stamp Collectors Encyclopedia*" by R.J. Sutton published by Bonanza Books, 1959. All copyrighted material reproduced in this series is within the limitations of the doctrine of fair use, specifically for nonprofit scholarship, educational, and research purposes.

**A.O.** – Afrique Orientale (East Africa). O/p on 1918 Red Cross stamps of Congo State for German East Africa. O/p on stamps of South Australia = 'Audit Office'.

**A.O.F.** – Afrique Occidentale Francaise (French West Africa)

**A.P.S.** – American Philatelic Society

**A.R.** – (Spanish) Aviso de Recepción = Advice (acknowledgement) of receipt. Chile, Montenegro, Salvador etc., issued stamps as a prepayment fee for an acknowledgement of receipt of a registered package. In Columbias first such issues the service covered was indicated by two stamps, one bearing the letter "A" (Spanish, anotación or anotado), and the other the initial "R" (Spanish, registro) signifying registered; one fee covering the registration and the other the notification of receipt. It is a service recognized by the Universal Postal Union.

**A.S.** – Punctured in 2, 5, or 10 mill. Stamps of Sudan means "Army Service".

**A.S.D.A.** - American (or Australian) Stamp Dealers' Association.