

Photographer - Lieut.Hand .... Kit Storage Depot ....3 Dec 43

This storage depot is used by Army personnel from privates to major-generals. Rate 7/6 per 100 lbs. (Insurance) Pianos, sewing machines, bikes, midget autos have been accepted. One British Columbia unit left an 18-foot Totem pole. Several on staff are RCMP personnel; including Cpl.H.E.Fulmer, Kirkland Lake, foreman in charge of casualty section. There is space available for golf clubs. Many bicycles have been sold to the highest bidder by arrangement with the units concerned. No one but unit personnel is allowed in area.

Staff includes 2 Officers, W.O.2, 2 Sgts, 5 Cpls, other ranks; total 36. Selected for honesty and good conduct in Army.

Casualty Section: Prisoners of War, Missing, Killed Effects automatically sent here from unit, or Kit Storage Section under Officer i/c of Estates, CMHQ. Opened, close inventory taken, sent to estates.

15,600 pieces. Floor space - 180000 sq feet. 46,000 in use. Three checks; cards, inventory, unit rolls 170 Units being handled. No smoking. Sand, water extinguishers. Aired regularly.

Place was formerly garage. Watchmen and guards in pairs in storage areas for protection of kits at all times. 98.

- 26691 - L6278, L.C. ("Pop") Hunt of Steen, Sask., carpenter and woodworker, crating instruments, repairing minor damage, touching up finish. Instrument is property of the Westminster Regt.
- 26692 - Checking effects of an Officer killed in the field. Left: J.M.Desormeaux, Ottawa, typing; Right; Eddie Davidson, Glenboro, Man.
- 26693 - Checking effects of deceased officer. Left, Sydney Bailey of Preeceville, Sask. RCASC, Right; Merv Cathcart of Souris Man. RCASC.
- 26694 - Cpl.D.J.McNamara, Toronto, Lieut.R.Noel, (2 I/C) Montreal, P.Q., Capt.S.E.Mallins, Ottawa, Ont (O.C.).
- 26695 - Pte.J.H.Reid, Ottawa - in civilian life a stone mason. Articles include chocolate and sugar, soap, oil, brasso, silvo, glass bottles of breakables,
- 26696 - Left to right; Cpl.F.G.Spear, Toronto; Cpl.G.Wright, Vancouver; CSM F.W.Metcalf, Long Branch & Toronto; Working on sealing machine; left, G.Gagnon, Matane, P.Q., J.H.Reid, Ottawa.
- 26697 - This shot not for public. A Courcy, Maisonneuve, P.Q.
- 26698 - Unloading baggage, left to right; Pte.J.M.Desormeaux, Ottawa, Ont.; Cpl.Geo.Wright, Vancouver, B.C.; Pte.J.A.Cloutear, Montreal; Pte.Eddie Davidson, Glenboro, Man.
- 26699 - Operating hoist, Cpl.P.Gagnon. On trunk, A.Courcy.
- 26700 - Sealing and checking duffle bags: Cpl.Paul Gagnon, RCOC, Matane, Que. and Gerald Gagnon, Matane (Royal 22)