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# Roland H. Webb fonds

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R.H. Webb fonds. - [philatelic records, graphic and textual records]. - 1814-1984. 2373 postal covers and other material.

Roland Humphreys Webb was born in 1910, in Weston Ontario. His education began in Toronto and then Winnipeg where he attended St. John's College School. Roland Webb received his first military training at The Royal Military College in Kingston, and graduated in 1931. Roland worked briefly on the Seven Sisters Power Project in Manitoba, before joining the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in 1932. He married Ethel Quinn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Quinn of Ottawa in 1938. The Webb's had three children, two sons, Ralph and Roland and a daughter, Penny.

Roland Webb commanded the 12th Field Regiment and landed with this Regiment on the Normandy beaches on "D" Day. He was awarded the D.S.O. for outstanding bravery. He remained in command until they crossed the Rhine river and then returned to Canada on compassionate grounds to be with his father just prior to his death. Webb served in Canada at Petawawa, Camp Shilo, Jericho Beach Vancouver and Army Headquarters in Ottawa where he was deputy Director of Administration at the time of retirement in 1961.

After retirement, Webb moved to White Rock, British Columbia and lived there with his family until his death in 1970. In White Rock, Roland was a member of a local Golf Club, Square Dancing Club a gardener and fisherman, but his main hobby had always been philately. Roland Webb had been collecting stamps for over fifty years. It was in 1954 that he joined the Ottawa Philatelic Society and began his sideline of Canadian Forces Mail. He realized that authentic information about Canada's military postmarks was difficult to come by, and, since he was at the army headquarters he could dig through the files and archives. Roland Webb devoted over 15 years to hunting and writing his research for various philatelic journals. In addition to the Ottawa Philatelic Society, Webb was a member of British North American Philatelic Society, The Royal Philatelic Society, The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, the White Rock Philatelic Society and is an honorary life member of the Ottawa group.

All the records except 9 b&w photographs and 2 b&w negatives were purchased from the Webb family. In May of 1973, Mrs. Ethel Webb shipped the albums, manuscript and research notes of Roland Webb to the National Postal Museum (NPM). This material and the photos and negatives were maintained by the museum until 1988 when they were transferred to the newly established Canadian Postal Archives (CPA). The original official accession number of these items is 1989-565. The 9 b&w photographs and 2 b&w negatives were a gift from Colin Campbell in 1971. They are photographs taken by Ken Rowe to illustrate portions of Roland Webb's collection in

"Canadian Philatelist". Ken Rowe sent them to Colin Campbell who donated them to NPM.

The fonds consists of material accumulated and written by R.H. Webb in the pursuit of his philatelic hobby of researching military mails. The majority of the collection includes the philatelic albums of R.H. Webb's collection of military covers and postal markings. The series include manuscript, 1814-1984; philatelic albums, 1825-1967; and research notes, 1900-1968.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

The fonds also consists of 143 postage stamps, 42cm textual records, 23 colour photographs, 74 b&w photographs, 110 b&w negatives, 1 colour slide and 8 labels.

No further accruals are expected.

#### **SERIES:**

Manuscript. - 1814-1984. 24cm textual records. 58 photographs. 177 postal covers.

The series consists of philatelic articles written and/or published by R.H. Webb. The records include the working copies, rough notes and finished manuscripts for these articles. The series is arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.
Also includes 86 b&w negatives and 1 colour slide.
The photographs consist of 36 b&w and 22 colour.

Philatelic albums. - [philatelic records and graphic]. - 1825-1867. 1367 postal covers. 143 postage stamps. 3 b&w photographs.

The series includes philatelic covers collected by R.H. Webb in albums. The covers were collected by Webb while in the pursuit of information about Canada's military mail.

The covers depict postal markings, stationary, labels, and cancels all relating to the transportation and administering of military mails. The covers represent the military mails, covering the time periods of World War I and II as well and the periods before and after. The series is arranged by album number.

Title based on contents of series.

Material removed from albums and stored in accordian

Also includes 7 labels.

Research notes. - 1900-1968. 829 postal covers. 27 photographs. 18 cm textual records.

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Series consists of philatelic research notes collected and written by R.H. Webb. The records include some newspaper clippings, written notes, topical correspondence and articles by other philatelists. Also included are covers and photographs of covers used to gather information about military mails. The series is arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

Also includes 22 b&w negatives, and 1 label.

The 27 photographs consist of 1 colour and 26 b&w photographs.

#### SUB-SERIES:

Articles by R.H. Webb. - 1944-1963. 66 b&w negatives and other material.

The sub-series consists of manuscript written by R.H. Webb for publication in philatelic journals. Sub-series arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Also includes 14 b&w photographs, 17 colour photographs, 1 postal cover and 3cm textual.

"Canadian Military Postal History, 1636-1974. - 1814-1974. 176 postage covers and other material.

The sub-series consists of manuscript written by R.H. Webb for an unpublished book and after his death NPM intended to publish the manuscript. The sub-series includes some covers, which were to be used as book illustrations. The book was never published.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Also includes 22 b&w photographs, 5 colour photographs, 20 b&w negatives, 1 colour slide and 21 cm textual.

Additional material includes some edited and revised manuscript done by NPM in preparation for publication.

## MANUSCRIPT SERIES

Articles by R.H. Webb Sub-Series

Cont.	File	Title	7 Dates
4103	1	"Canadian Forces Mail List of Post Offices and Related Data, 1885-1963	[ca.1963]
1061	6	"Canadian Forces Mail List of Post Offices and Related Data, 1885-1963" - [Negatives]	[ca.1944]
170	1	"Canadian Forces Mail List of Post Offices and Related Data, 1885-1963" - [Photographs]	[ca.1944]
4103	2	"Canadian Forces Mail Rebellion in Lower Canada, 1837-39"	n.d.
4103	3	"Canadian Forces Mail - The RCAF In South East Asia, 1942-1945" and "Canadian Forces Mail Siberia, 1918-1919"	n.d.
C102	1	"Canadian Forces Mail - The RCAF In South East Asia, 1942-1945" and "Canadian Forces Mail Siberia, 1918-1919" - [Cover]	1958
1061	7	"Canadian Forces Mail - The RCAF In South East Asia, 1942-1945" and "Canadian Forces Mail Siberia, 1918-1919" - [Negatives]	n.d.
170	2	"Canadian Forces Mail - The RCAF In South East Asia, 1942-1945" and "Canadian Forces Mail Siberia, 1918-1919" - [Photographs]	n.d.
57	5	Military Mails, Rebellion to Boer War - [Photographs of covers]	n.d.
4103	4	[Miscellaneous Manuscript]	n.d.
4103	5	"More Light on Canadian Forces Mail"	n.d.

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Cont.	File	Title	8 Dates
	Canadia	n Military Postal History, 1636-1974 Sub -Series	
4103	6	Appendices	1971
4103	7	Chapter 2: The Canadian Contingent in South Africa 1899-1900	1956, 1970
4103	8	Chapter 3 - The Canadian Postal Corps and Field Post Offices in Canada 1901-1941	1970
4103	9	Chapter 3 - [Selected portions]	[ca.1970]
4103	10	Chapter 4 - The "Home Forces" 1914-1920	1970
4103	11	Chapter 5 - The Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 6 August 1914 - 11 February 1915	1970
4103	12	Chapter 5 - The Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force	[ca. 1970]
C102	2	Chapter 5 - The Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force - [Covers]	[ca. 1914- 1942]
4103	13	Chapter 6 - The Oversears Military Forces of Canada and Great Britain 1914-1919	1970
4103	14	Chapter 7 - The Canadian Expeditionary force in North West Europe	1970
4103	15	Chapter 8 - The Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia 1918-1919	1970
4103	16	Chapter 9 - Canadian Troops in Other Areas, 1914-1919	1970

Cont.	File	Title	Dates
4103	17	Chapter 9, 10, 11 - with editing by Ken MacKenzie	[ca. 1984]
170	3	Chapter 9,10,11 - with editing by Ken MacKenzie - [Photographs]	[ca.1984]
4103	18	Chapter 10 - Canada	1970
4103	19	Chapter 11 - The United Kingdom, 1939- 1947	1970
4103	20	Chapter 12 - The Mediterranean Area, 1940- 1945 1970	
4103	21	Chapter 13 - North West Europe, 1944-1946	1970
4103	22	Chapter 14 - Newfoundland, 1940-1946	1970
4103	23	Chapter 15 - U.S.A. and Alaska, 1940-1945	1970
4103	24	Chapter 16 - Hong Kong, 1941	1970
4103	25	Chapter 17 - South East Asia, 1942-1945	1970
4103	26	Chapter 18 - Other Areas, 1939-1946	1970
4103	27	Chapter 19 - The Forces in Canada, 1946- 1967	1970
4103	28	Chapter 20 - Under the United Nations Flag, 1949-1967	1970
4103	29	Chapter 21 - With NATO in Western Europe, 1951 -	1970
4103	30	Chapter 22 - Miscellany	1970
170	4	[Bomber Mail; proposed illustration] - [Photograph]	[ca. 1944]

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Cont.	File	Title	Dates
C102	3	[Book Illustrations]; (page 2 to 240) - [Covers]	1814-1947
C102	4	[Book Illustrations]; (page 249 to 372A) - [Covers]	[ca.1942- 1974]
C102	5	[Book Illustrations]; (page 372B to 416A) - [Covers]	[ca.1940- 1964]
4103	31	[Manuscript with revisions by Edward A. Richardson]	1971
1061	8	Military Personnel - [Negatives]	n.d.
170	5	Military Personnel - [Photographs]	1884-1944
S31	4	Military Personnel - [Slide]	[ca. 1900]

Cont.	File	Title	Dates
4103	32	Original manuscript with illustrations	1970
4103	33	Original manuscript - Working Copy (Part I)	[ca.1970]
4104	1	Original manuscript - Working Copy (Part II )	[ca.1970]
4104	2	Plates - Postal and Related Markings - [duplicate copies from book manuscript]	[ca.1970]
170	6	Postal Covers - [Photographs]	[ca. 196?]
57	6	Postal Covers - [Colour Photographs]	n.d.
1061	9	Postal Covers - [Negatives]	[ca. 196?]

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### **PHILATELIC ALBUMS SERIES**

Cont.	File	Title	13 Dates
C102	6	Album 1 - Canadian Forces Post Offices; Cancels - [Covers]	1951-1965
C102	7	Album 2 - Airgraphs, Cigarette/Brewery Postcards, Airgraphs - [Covers]	1942-1944
C102	8	Album 3 - Airletters (Type 2, 12, 13) - [Covers]	1957-1966
C102	9	Album 4 - Airletters; Congo and Cyprus - [Covers]	1954-1966
C102	10	Album 5 - CAPO's, CFPO's, Airletters, and United Postal Stations - [Covers]	1952-1962
C102	11	Album 6 - CFPO's, AFPO's, Service for Peace, Military Postal System and United Nations Emergency Force - [Covers]	1952-1961
C103	1	Album 8 - HMCS, Indo-China; Military Component Canadian Delegation - [Covers]	1953-1961
C103	2	Album 9 - United Nations Military Observer Group in Kashmir, U.N. Supervisory Organization in Palestine, U.N. Observer Group in Lebanon - [Covers]	1958-1967
C103	3	Album 10 - RCAF and Meter Cancels - [Covers]	1952-1965
C103	4	Album 11 - Camps and Barracks, Forts; stamps and slogan cancels - [Covers]	1946-1960
C103	5	Album 12 - Military Post Offices; stamps - [Covers]	1955-1962

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Cont.	File	Title	14 Dates
C103	6	Album 13 - Fleet Mail Offices, Naval Slogan Cancels, Royal Canadian Navy Mail - [Covers]	1949-1964
C103	7	Album 14 - Armed Forces Air Letters - [Covers]	1942-1945
170	7	Album 14 - Armed Forces Air Letters - [Photographs]	1944
C103	8	Album 15 - Postal Markings; Passed by Censor, Examined, Battery Office Censor, Military Censor - [Covers]	1940-1945
C103	9	Album 16 - Airletters; CAF Overseas, and Postal Markings; Military Censor, U.S. Army Postal Service, South East Asia, Canadian Forces - [Cover]	1941-1945
C103	10	Album 17 - Postal Markings; Ship Mail, Censors, Base P.O [Cover]	1940-1945
C104	1	Album 18 - Field Service Post Cards, Green Envelopes, YMCA Covers and Postcards, Church Army Huts, Navy and Army Canteen Board - [Covers and Postcards]	1914-1918
C104	2	Album 19 - Postal Markings; Censors, Field Post Office Postcard, Souvenirs - [Covers]	1915-1918
C104	3	Album 20 - Postal Markings; Canadian Expeditionary Force, Orderly Room, Chaplain, Convalescent Hospital and Censors - [Covers]	1914-1919
C104	4	Album 21 - [No Postage Covers with Censor Postal Markings] - [Covers]	1917-1918, 1940

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Cont.	File	Title	15 Dates
C104	5	Album 22 - Postal Markings; Canadian Military Camp Cancels - [Covers]	1911-1919, 1930-1941
C104	6	Album 23 - Postal Markings; Central Camp Covers and Canadian Military Camp Postcards - [Covers]	1915-1916, 1939-1940
C104	7	Album 26 - Postal Markings; Passed by Censor and Internment Censor, Opened by Censor Labels, "One Man's Postal History" (P.O.W. Mail) - [Covers]	1915-1918, 1940-1942
C104	8	Album 27 - Prisoner of War (Overseas), Canadian Prisoner of War Camps - [Covers]	1918-1921, 1940-1945
C104	9	Album 28 - Military Post Office Cancels - [Covers] (Part I)	1940-1952
C104	10	Album 28 - Military Post Office Cancels - [Covers] (Part II)	1940-1952
C105	1	Album A - Postal Markings; Field Post Offices, Canadian Post Offices, and Mediterranean Area Post Offices - [Covers] (Part I)	1940-1945
C105	2	Album A - Postal Markings; Field Post Offices, Canadian Post Offices, and Mediterranean Area Post Offices - [Covers] (Part II)	1940-1945
C105	3	Album B - Early Campaigns and Postal Markings - [Covers]	1825-1840, 1900-1901, 1955
C105	4	[Miscellaneous] - [Covers used in N.P.M. display, from Webb Albums]	1953-1963

Cont.	File	Title	16 Dates
		RESEARCH NOTES SERIES	
C105	5	Air Letters, Field Postcards, "Green Envelopes" - [Covers]	1944-1964
4104	3	Air Letters, Field Postcards, "Green Envelopes" - [Photocopies]	1944-1964
1061	10	Auxilliary Service and Camps - [Negatives from L. Sharpe]	[ca. 1962]
170	8	Auxilliary Service and Camps - [Photographs from L. Sharpe]	[ca. 1962]
4104	4	Boer War	n.d.
C105	6	Boer War - [Covers]	1900-1901
4104	5	Boer War - [Miscellaneous]	1939, 1957
C105	7	CAPO's and CFPO's (#5000-5058) - [Covers]	1954-1963
C105	8	Canadian Base Post Offices - [Covers]	1950-1966
C105	9	Canadian Forces Mail - From U.N. Forces and Indo-China - [Covers]	1955-1963
170	9	Canadian Forces Mail - From U.N. Forces and Indo-China - [Photograph]	[ca. 195?]
4104	6	Canadian Forces Mail Air Letters - [Correspondence and research notes]	1961-1964
4104	7	Canadian Forces Mail Air Letters - Check List	1962

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Cont.	File	Title	17 Dates
4104	8	"Canadian Forces Mail Post Offices Serving the Armed Forces" - [Manuscript and clipplings]	1951-1966
C105	10	Canadian Military Foreign Post Offices and Camp Post Offices - [Covers]	1900-1941
C105	11	Canadian Military Slogans - [Covers]	1941-1967
4104	9	Canadian Militia Field Post Office - [Manuscript and clippings]	n.d.
Box 52	P84.5514 P84.5515	Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force Cover - [Photographs]	1914, n.d.
57	7	Canadian Postal Corps - Blason - [Color photographs]	n.d.
4104	10	The Canadian Postal Corps on Active Service - [Report]	1916
4104	11	[Cancellation Sketches] - [Artwork]	n.d.
4104	12	Censor Markings / Diagrams	n.d.
4104	13	[Correspondence]	1957-1965
4104	14	Development of a Military Postal Service - [Miscellaneous]	1937-1960
4104	15	Distribution and Redirection of Military Mail - Draft Brief	1956
C105	12	Field Post Offices - CAPO's (Nfld. and Kiska) - [Covers]	1917-1919, 1938-1960
4104	16	Field Post Office Militia Cancel	1973

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Box 52	P84.5513	Field Post Office - On Active Service Cover - [Photograph]	1929
C105	13	Foreign Auxilliary Post Offices Used by Canadians - [Covers]	1956, 1960
4104	17	"Historical Memorandum of the Canadian Postal Service with the Armies in France, Belgium and Germany, 1914-1919" - By Lt. Col Ross - [Manuscript]	1919
4104	18	"Historical Memorandum of the Canadian Postal Service with the Armies in France, Belgium and Germany, 1914-1919" - By Lt. Col. Ross - [Manuscript copy]	1919
4104	19	Lists of Canadian Military Post Offices - [Research Statistics]	n.d.
4104	20	"Memorandum on Canadian Postal Services at the Front" - By Lt. Col Ross - [Manuscript]	1916-1918
C105	14	Military Post Offices (#100-511) - [Covers]	1951-1966
4104	21	Military Post Offices - [Miscellaneous]	1952-1962
4104	22	The Military Postal Service in Canada, 1939- 1946	n.d.
4104	23	[Miscellaneous]	1952-1965
4104	24	[Miscellaneous]	[ca. 1957]
4104	25	[Miscellaneous]	[ca.1916- 1919]

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4104	26	[Miscellaneous]	[ca.1957- 1968]
C105	15	[Miscellaneous] - [Covers]	1915-1917, 1940
C106	1	[Miscellaneous] - [Covers]	1914-1963
Box 1022	NA 107	[Miscellaneous Covers] - [Negatives]	[ca.1914- 1928]
C106	2	[Miscellaneous] - [Covers with various postal markings]	1918, 1944- 1967
4104	27	[Miscellaneous] - [Map of Europe]	n.d.
170	10	[Miscellaneous] - [Photograph]	n.d.
4104	28	[Miscellaneous] - [Publications]	1901, 1942
4104	29	"Our Honour Envelopes" - By L.W. Sharpe - [Manuscript]	[ca.1957- 1962]
4104	30	Polish Army Camp - Niagara-On-The-Lake	[ca.1955]
1061	11	Polish Army Camp - Niagara-On-The-Lake - [Negative]	1918
170	11	Polish Army Camp - Niagara-On-The-Lake - [Photograph]	1918
C106	3	Post World War II; CFPO's (25-111) - [Covers]	1953-1964
C106	4	Post World War II; Navy, HMC Dockyard, FMO's, HMCS, RCN Mail - [Covers]	1951-1966
4104	31	Postal Services - [Report]	1918

Cont.	File	Title	20 Dates
1061	12	Prisoner of War Covers - [Negatives]	[ca.1915- 1916]
170	12	Prisoner of War Covers - [Photographs]	[ca.1915- 1916]
C106	5	Prisoner of War - Internment, Censorship, Blackouts - [Covers]	1940-1968
4104	32	"Prisoner of War Mail; Canada" - By L.W. Sharpe - [Manuscript]	1951
C106	6	RCAF Stations - [Covers]	1950-1966
4104	33	Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Diamond Jubilee - [Clippings]	n.d.
4104	34	Siberian Expedition - [Correspondence]	1964
Box 43	P84.4569	Siberian Expeditionary Force - [Photographs]	1928
Box 53	P84.5545	Siberian Expeditionary Force - [Photographs]	1928
Box 1010	N1366	Siberian Expeditionary Force - [Negative]	1928
C106	7	Slogans - [Military Mechanical Cancels] - [Cover Cancels]	1956-1965
Box 43	P84.4568	S.S. Empress of Japan Illustration - [Photographs]	n.d.
4104	35	"Thirty Years After" - By L.W. Sharp" - [Article on the Map Stamp]	1948

Cont.	File	Title	21 Dates
4104	36	"Toronto Airports Before Malton" - By C.D. Long	n.d.
C106	8	United Nations - Christmas Cards	[ca. 1956- 1964]
C106	9	United Nations Forces Airmail and Aerogrammes - [Unused Covers]	[ca. 194?]
4104	37	World War I - [Correspondence]	1955-1968
C106	10	World War I - FPO's and APO's Overseas - [Covers]	1915-1918
170	13	World War I - FPO's and APO's Overseas - [Photographs]	1915-1918
C106	11	World War II - FPO's; Brit Type - [Covers]	1942
C106	12	World War II - FPO's; NWE - [Covers]	1941-1961
C106	13	World War II - FPO's; Overseas Canadian Type - [Covers]	1941-1946
C106	14	World War II - Jamaica -[Covers]	[ca. 1944]
C106	15	World War II - Military and Naval Post Offices - [Covers]	1941-1949
C106	16	World War II - [Miscellaneous] - India and Palestine Postcards - [Covers]	1940-1960
C106	17	World War II - Naval - [Covers]	1940-1945
C106	18	World War II - Newfoundland CAPO's - [Covers]	1943-1944

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