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BNAPS George VI Study Group at BNAPEX 2007

The BNAPS George VI Study Group to hold its third annual meeting at BNAPS' 59th Annual Convention, BNAPEX 2007, being held this year in Calgary, Alberta, August 31 to September 2. The George VI Study Group formed in 2003 for the purpose of promoting the study of the postage stamps of Canada and Newfoundland and their usage during the reign of King George VI between 1937 and 1952.

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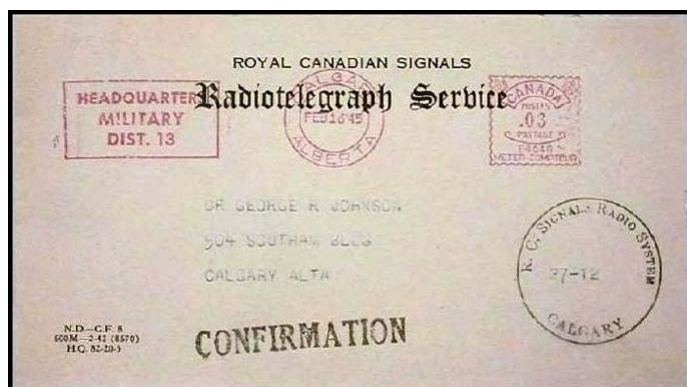
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| BNAPEX 2007 | 1 | The George VI Study Group has invited all interested philatelists to attend its 5 th annual meeting at 2:00 pm September 1 st , in the Lake Louise Meeting Room of the Westin Hotel, Calgary for a discussion of Items of Interest of Canadian Philately during the King George VI period. Philatelists interested in the George VI period but who are unable to attend are invited to contact Gary Steele, Chairman of the George VI Study Group or Stephen Prest, Editor of the Post & Mail (contact details provided on Page 2 of this Special Edition). |
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| Rare & Unique Varieties | 2 | The Post & Mail is published on a regular basis, generally two or three times a year, and is circulated to BNAPS members who have joined the George VI Study Group. Selected copies of the Post & Mail can be accessed via the George VI Study Group website (www.kgvi.ca) or the BNAPS website (www.bnaps.org). Philatelists interested in joining the George VI Study Group but who are not currently BNAPS members may do so by making suitable application to become a BNAPS member. Information about joining BNAPS can be obtained from Gary Steele, Stephen Prest, the BNAPS website or from Peter Jacobi, BNAPS Secretary (contact details on Page 2). |
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►Postal History during the King George VI Reign (with a Calgary flavor)

Each Issue of the Post & Mail contains a wealth of information about postal rates and usages of Canadian and Newfoundland stamps issued during the King George VI reign. The following article by Hugh Delaney Gary entitled "**RCS Radiotelegraph Service, Calgary, Alberta**" appeared as the Eclectic Cover Column in Issue 10 of the Post & Mail.

"Shortly after I received Issue 9 of the Post & Mail with John Burnett's article on Telegraphs Covers, I secured the Royal Canadian (Corps of) Signals Telegraph Service cover illustrated below. The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals was established as a stand alone unit in 1920 after having served conjointly with the Corps of Engineers in WWI. The Signal Corps was attached to every Canadian military unit in WWII, operating the radio and telegraph services. I suspect that one could form quite a collection of these covers from different units and locations around the world during the King George VI period.

As a long time Alberta and Calgary resident, the cover has for me some interesting postal and Albertan history associated with it. First, as the machine cancel would indicate, the cover was posted February 16, 1945 from Military District 13 Headquarters in Calgary. During WWII, District 13 Headquarters was located in the former Pryce Jones department store building on the corner of 1st Street and 12th Avenue SW in Calgary. Pryce Jones was a Welsh mail order house which established in 1911, as its Canadian branch, the first major department store in Calgary. The building has undergone many changes over the years and today is known as The Manhattan which houses condominiums just a few blocks away from Calgary's business district."



Canadian Army Services Corps Headquarters
Military District 13, Calgary, Alberta
(Photo: Pryce Jones & Co circa 1914)

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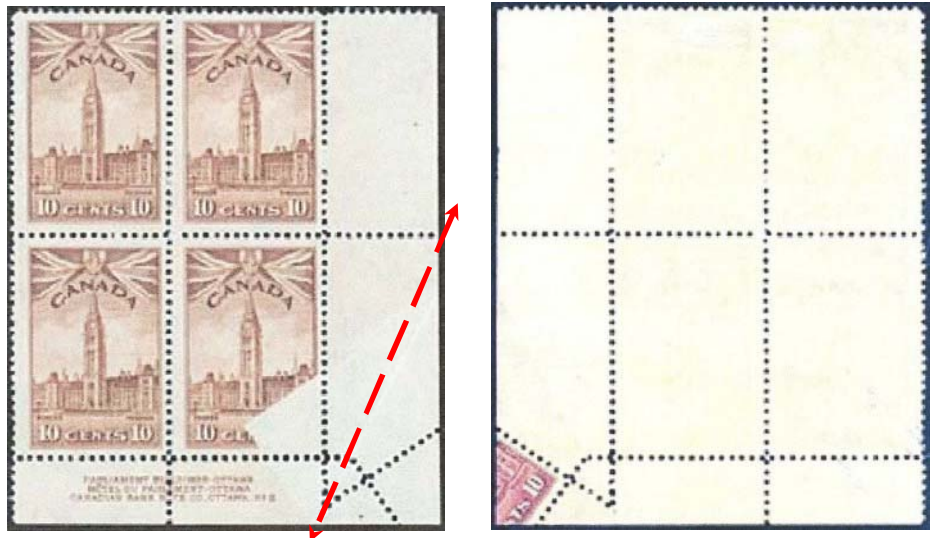
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► Rare & Unique Varieties

Each Issue of the Post & Mail features an EFO & Varieties column. A feature article by John Jameison appeared in Issue 10 of the Post & Mail that described a number of rare and unique varieties of the 1942 10¢ "Parliament Building" War Issue Stamp. One of the items was the unique *Corner Foldover & Mis-perforate Plate Block*, a Lower Right Plate Block No. 2 featuring a pre-printing corner fold-over where the word "POSTAGE", the last three letters "NTS" of cents, the value "10" and a portion of the Parliament Building design in the lower right hand corner are omitted from the printed side and appear instead on the reverse gummed side of the piece as illustrated below.

The corner fold-over crease, illustrated below with a dashed red line, would have occurred at the stage in the process when the full printer's sheet of four panes was fed into the printing press. The sheet would then have been perforated and then guillotined into four panes (or smaller post office sheets) of 50 stamps. The story of the discovery of this variety has probably been lost in the mists of time but one suspects the original pane of 50 stamps containing this error probably remained undetected in a stack of panes delivered to a post office somewhere in Canada to then be discovered by an alert philatelist perhaps with the assistance of a co-operative postal clerk!

**► The George VI Website**

The George VI Study Group website located at www.kgvi.ca was established in late 2005. Study Group members have access through the Member's Area of the website to a complete archive of the Study Group newsletter, the Post & mail and a comprehensive bibliography of philatelic references pertaining to the George VI era.

In addition to encouraging members to publish original articles in the "Post & Mail", the Study Group also assists members assemble and publish Study Papers in their specialized areas of George VI philately. During the past year, Gary Dickinson has completed a series of monographs that describe the First Day Covers of Canadian commemorative stamps issued between 1947 & 1949. Copies of these monographs and other selected Study Papers are freely available to non members and can be downloaded from the "Research" page on the public side of the Study Group website.

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