

Early 20th Century Aviators & Air Mail

1 Katherine Stinson's Flights in Canada: —an investigation of the aviatrix's flights in Canada during the years 1916–1918. Her many admirers were delighted that she excelled in a field previously thought to be the sole domain of male pilots. Special attention is paid to her July 9 1918 pioneering air mail flight from Calgary to Edmonton. Envelopes from that flight are displayed. [120-page PDF on DVD—28 000 words, vintage Canadian photos and postcards, personal letters, the 23 known surviving covers, related memorabilia] © 1109209

- A Companion DVD containing 180 high-resolution scans of the above pictorial material is also available.



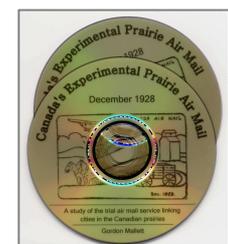
2 Birdboy and Birdgirl in Japan: —a photo essay detailing the demonstration flights performed in Japan by early American aviators *birdboy* Art Smith & *birdgirl* Katherine Stinson in 1916/17. The storyline is linked to a collection of vintage Japanese picture postcards. Captions and cachets in the cards are translated. Pictorial images of the two aviators' flights in the USA and Stinson's flights in Canada during this period are included. [88-page PDF on DVD—9 500 words, 100 Japanese postcards] © 1076650

- A Companion DVD containing 140 high-resolution scans of the postcards and related pictorial items featured in the photo essay is also available.

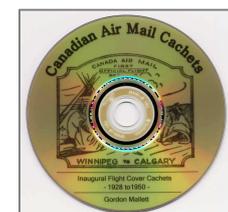


3 Three Weeks in December 1928: —a study of the December 10-29 experimental prairie air mail flights linking Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon. Daily facts about the flown legs (the pilot, engineer, mail weight, aircraft, flight duration etc.) are charted. The eight cachet designs and five slogan cancels used by the Post Office for the trial flights are examined. Each of 152 legs scheduled to be flown is assigned one of twelve classifications, ranging from “complete leg flown & arrived on schedule” to “mail was carried partway by train & transferred to plane en route for completion of the leg.” The express mail survey flights between these cities (eight circuits flown) earlier that year (September 13–December 7) are investigated and details charted. [75-page PDF on DVD—10 000 words, 36 flight covers, flight report data from the Canadian Airways Collection (MG11 A34) archived in Winnipeg]

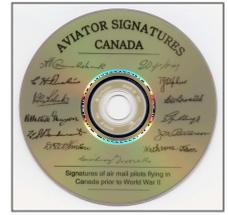
- A Companion DVD displays high-resolution scans of the pictorial material in the study—pilot photos and letters, summary charts of Western Canada Airways flight report data, company documents, flight covers. Scans of a matched set of the sixteen December 10 point-to-point covers as well as a number of the less common December 11–29 covers are included.



4 Canadian Air Mail Cachets: —a chronological display of the line drawing cachets that were handstamped onto pre-1950 inaugural air mail covers in Canada. The impressions are digitally enhanced and numbered as in *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* (a volume in the sixth edition of the American Air Mail Catalogue). [450 cachet scans on DVD—recorded as high-resolution bitmap (BMP) files]



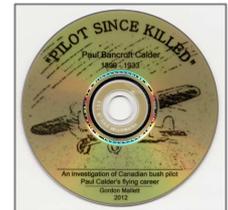
5 Mackenzie River District Inaugural Air Mail Service: —photographs with detailed captions from a comprehensive air mail album created in the 1930s by Northwest Territories District Postal Superintendent Major R. W. (Walter) Hale. His inaugural flights into Canada’s far-northern regions are documented. Each of the album pages is displayed in unabridged form. [200-plus photos on DVD—supplemented by Hale/pilot-signed covers, aviation-related monographs and memorabilia, maps and facts of interest (285 files in total)]



6 “Pilot Since Killed”: —a study of key events in the flying career of Paul B. ‘Paddy’ Calder. The former WW I pilot was appointed to the staff of Western Canada Airways (later Canadian Airways) in 1928. He flew continuously with the company until his death in 1933 in an aircraft accident near Great Bear Lake, NWT. He was only 33 and was survived by his wife and their four sons. Two rivers in Canada are named in his honour. [16-page PDF on DVD—4 000 words, 10 flight covers]



7 Aviator Signatures, Canada: —an extensive collection of envelopes signed by the pilots who flew air mail in Canada prior to World War II, displayed alphabetically by pilot name. Details linked to the pilot, plane and route flown are provided for a number of the covers. Letters and other items of memorabilia containing pilot signatures are also shown. [250-plus high-resolution scans on DVD]



8 No Englishmen Need Apply: —a biography of the Edmonton and Northwest Territories District Postal Superintendent, Major R. W. (Walter) Hale. Running away from home to join the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, jumping ship in a foreign port, receiving the Military Cross for “conspicuous gallantry” in World War I, carrying mail by dog team to remote northern Canadian settlements and flying with early bush pilots on mail runs to outposts in oftentimes hazardous winter weather are but a few of the life experiences of this adventurous British émigré! Hale played a key role within Canada’s Post Office Department, overseeing the inauguration of air mail delivery throughout the Mackenzie River District.



- This 170-page life history is published by BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society). For further details on obtaining a color or black-and-white copy, select Publications and Online Library/BNAPS Books on the www.BNAPS.org/ homepage. A 340-file Companion DVD features 200-plus photographs from an air mail album Hale prepared in the 1930s, aviation monographs, Hale/pilot-signed covers and associated memorabilia.

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