

## SYNOPSIS

### A PHILATELLIC HISTORY of the RED CROSS

TITLE PAGE- As a volunteer with the Bridgewater HELP center for over 20 years, this exhibit's main purpose is to promote the values of the Red Cross organization. To do this I have collected postal items from my Philatelic hobby to tell the history of the Red Cross. ,to show the symbols of the Red Cross that are recognized world wide and to show how Postal Systems from around the world have recognized the compassion of the Red Cross volunteers.

TREATMENT of the CONTENT—I believe that the best way to view this exhibit is by presenting the following outline It will tell the story of the exhibit by highlighting the pages and subject matter.

#### OUTLINE of PRESENTATION

- 1 Henri Dunant Founder (frame1 pages 1,2)
- 2 Mission Statement (frame1 page3)
- 3 Why stamps were first issued(frame1 pages4-6)
- 4 Semipostals (frame1 page7)
- 5 Symbols (frame1 pages9-14) note the newest symbol Shield of David page 12
- 6 Principles (frame 1 pages 14-15)
- 7 Wartime (frame 2 pages 17-21)
- 8 Services today (frame2 page 22)
- 9 1963 British Omnibus Issues (frame2 pages 24-27)
- 10 Celebrating International Red Cross (frame 2 page 28)
- 11 Canadian Red Cross stamp shift error (frame 2 page29)
- 12 Canada honours Red Cross Valuable volunteer award (frame2 page30)
- 13 Celebrating with covers (frame 3 pages 30-36)
- 14 FLOREX 2013 (frame4 page37)
- 15 Rare Russian Membership stamps (frame 4 page38)
- 16 Junior Red Cross (frame 4 page39)
- 17 The use of cinderellas (frame 4 page 40)
- 18 Canada Post supports the Red Cross (frame 4 pages 41-43)

19 The work of Volunteers (frame 4 pages 45-47)

20 The Power of Humanity (frame4 page 48)

HIGHLIGHTS include : 1( Frame 2 Pages24-27 ) A collection of 70 British Omnibus Centenary Stamps (complete set) which were collected over a period of 5 years To find stamps on cover was most difficult(page27)

2( Frame2 page 18)A rare wartime stamp from France showing the Charles Rioux valued at \$60 depending on condition The one displayed is mint.

3 Frame2 page 19 the Louis A Milne WWII (MilNEWS),

4 Frame 2 page20-21 the prisoner of war cards

5 Frame 2 page22 the role of present day Red Cross ship Henri Dunant is most interesting and can be followed daily on the internet

6 Frame4 page38 shows a rare find (the Russian Red Cross service stamps)

7 Frame4 page39 a Junior Red Cross letter thanking the teacher and pupils for their fundraising efforts

8 Frame3 page 30 my medal for volunteer service (priceless)

PERSONAL STUDY and OBSERVATION Through my collecting it has been observed that countries suffering disasters have issued more stamps than other countries Following WWII France has issued Red Cross yearly African nations and Haiti have shown their appreciation with numerous stamp issues. The British Royal Family have been life long patrons of the Red Cross. (Frame4 page 48)

CREDITS The Canadian Red Cross Society was the main source of historical information. Items have been collected for the past 10 years and placed on display whenever asked to promote the role of the Red Cross In 2015 this collection was part of a WWII display at the Debrisay Museum in Bridgewater It was published in 2018 and made available to the Dartmouth Red Cross office