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A Tichnor Bros, Inc, Boston Mass postcard (MH36). It was sent by a Pfc of 797 Technical Training Squadron at Seymour Johnson Field in North Carolina, USA.

A Seymour Johnson Field N.C. machine cancel withh7 wavy lines is dated June 19 1943 and is addressed to Jackson, Tennessee. Postage free.

The base is named for Navy Lieut. Seymour A. Johnson, a test pilot from Goldsboro who died in an airplane crash near Norbeck, Maryland, on March 5, 1941.

It is the only Air Force Base named in honour of a naval officer.



Editorial

Tony Lyon

It has not been a particularly good year for philatelic pursuits. Continual lockdowns have cancelled meetings and opportunities to view displays and just get together for fellowship.

It must be even more difficult for those who do not have access to the internet which at least enables the search for material or information available on the WWW.

Fortunately this has not stopped out contributors from sending articles to keep our journal alive, which with the above barriers to meeting, becomes even more important. It is thanks to you, the contributors, that the 157th issue is available for the member's enjoyment.

Please consider writing your own contribution to enhance the range of material this journal can present. This could help ease the boredom of being lockdown in major parts of the eastern seaboard, which at times makes one wonder if it will actually end.

Other areas affected by all of this Covid pandemic is the postponement of various exhibitions. Exhibits for Royalpex in New Zealand which was scheduled for September has been moved tentatively to November and Australian exhibits were changed from the actual sending of exhibit to scanning to a PDF and forwarding to the commissioner. I felt sorry for those to whom the idea of providing a PDF may have been a foreign step to far.

Congratulations are in order to Frank Pauer the incoming President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. I believe he has a couple of other hats as well so he is going to be busy.

Let us hope that we will soon be free to return to some sense of normality. Maybe we will be able to have a December meeting! Ciao.

Until next time ciao.

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