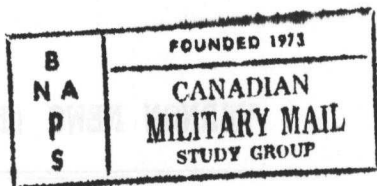


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DUES - HAVE YOU SENT THEM IN? SEE LAST N/L.

NEWSLETTER NO. 78
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

NEW MEMBER: Jon C. Johnson, Box 6118, Sta. D, Calgary, T2P 2C7
In addition to being our new Study Group Co-ordinator, Jon, and especially his wife, Leanna, are interested in the Canadian military hospital mail. We have had some input on this subject in the past, and would welcome more.

Lately we have been going over old files and finding some unpublished items that were inadvertently set aside. Will try to catch up with this material. If you have sent something in, and it has not been used, please drop me a line.

Again our postal rates are going up here in Canada - it will be 'only' one cent on domestic letters and probably two cents on US mail. Have not found out about O/S yet - it was 1.12.

In the past we have tried to control the weight of the N/L for postage purposes by using lighter weight paper. Many of you may have noticed that at times my copier did not do a great job on the thin paper. Now we are back to regular paper with 4 1/2 sheets plus the envelope coming very close to the allowed 28.375 grams for 36/42 cents rates. Reproduction should be much better.

You may have noticed in the Sept.-Oct. TOPICS (rec'd a short while ago) that Frank Waite has 'gone overboard' in his column about the CMMSG N/L. Thanks Frank for the support!

A note came in from Ron Kitchen with info from the Report of the Postmaster General in which is the revenue from several militia summer post offices for 1938; Aldershot-\$24.92, Sussex-33.45, and Valcartier-17.68. Ron is still hoping to come up with some militia post office opening and closing dates for the period between the wars. Thanks Ron!

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES!!

*All good wishes
for a wonderful New Year*

REDUCTIONS IN RATES OF PARCELS TO FRONT

Postmaster-General Arranges for
Canadian Packages to be
Carried at Same Rates
as British.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Hon. T. Chase Campbell, Postmaster-General of Canada, has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the Imperial postal authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British Government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the expeditionary forces on the continent; that is:

For parcels weighing up to 3 lbs. 24 cents.

For parcels weighing over 3 lbs. and not more than 7 lbs., 32 cents.

For parcels weighing 7 lbs. and not more than 11 lbs., 38 cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the department yesterday, that until further notice no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

VERNON NEWS (B.C.) SEPTEMBER 15, 1914

Will Bring War Prisoners To Vernon For Safe Keeping

German prisoners of war are likely to be brought to Vernon in the near future, the military authorities having taken over the large building fronting on Lorne Street, just west of Mara Avenue, to be used as a military prison.

The building, which was originally a provincial jail, but until last autumn was used as a branch of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, is well suited to the purposes for which it will be used.

A force of men is already at work, making alterations and repairs, but as yet it is not known when the prisoners of war will reach Vernon, nor how many will be kept here.

VERNON NEWS (B.C.) DECEMBER 1915

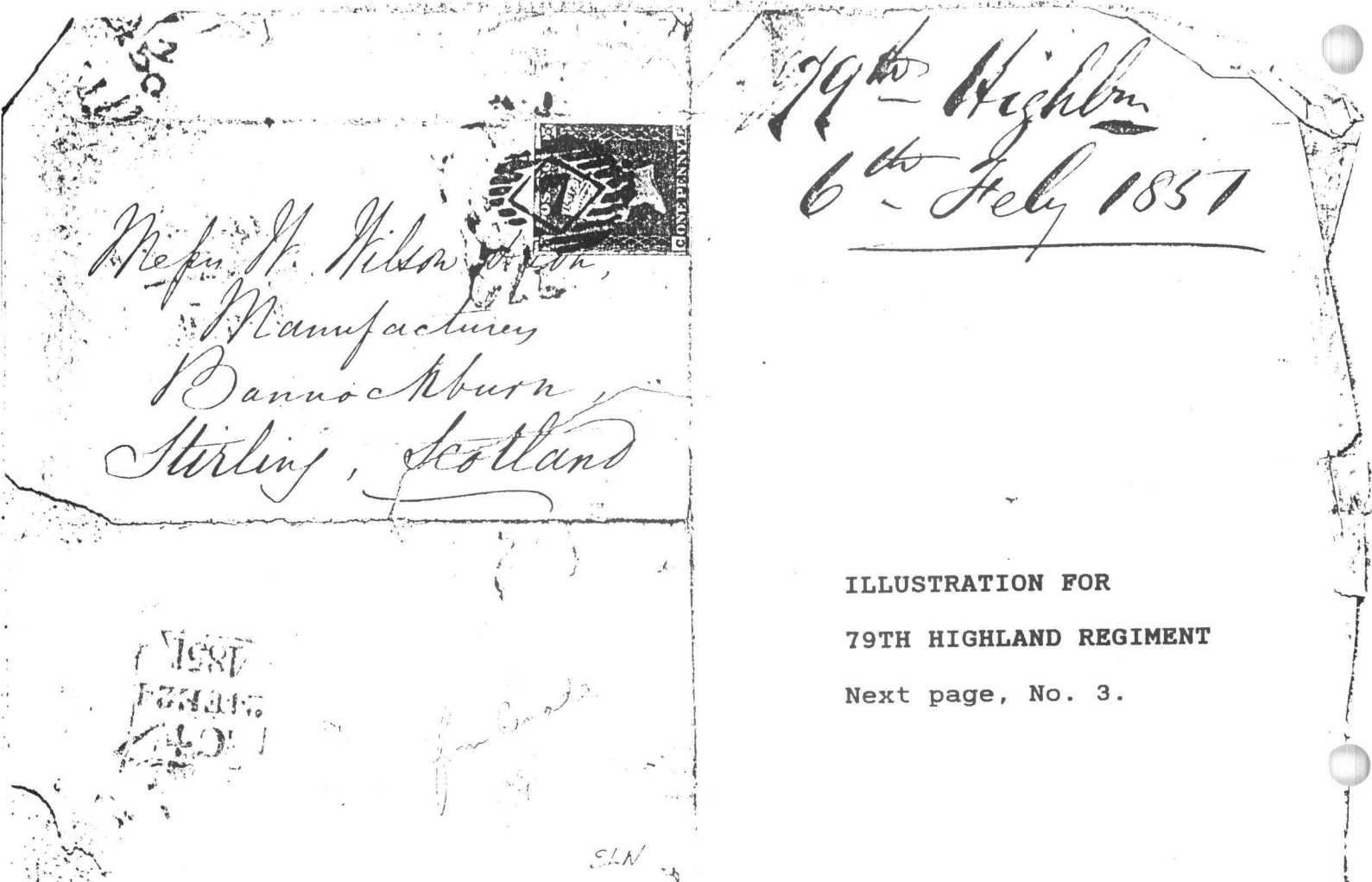


ILLUSTRATION FOR

79TH HIGHLAND REGIMENT

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79th HIGHLAND REGIMENT IN QUEBEC 1851

This page is from Jim Goben and was originally sent to the editor in 1983, and it was found hiding amongst other papers! An apology is herewith tendered to Jim!

According to Jim this 'bootleg' cover is somewhat unusual. "This cover was sent to Great Britain in a bundle that would have paid a captain a small sum for the total. This way each letter was posted for one penny instead of the current 1 shilling and four pence needed for the trans-oceanic rate. It entered the mails at Charing Cross."

Since the letter itself would be a little hard to read we are typing it out and only showing you the cover itself.

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Gent. Quebec 6th Feby 1851

Have the Kindness to transmit immediately addressed to me, 30 yards officers summer tartan, having an outside wrapper addressed to "Messers Charles Prater & Co. 2 Charing Cross, London. Who is to ship it in March. I hope you will be expeditious as it is much required & may be too late of the packet from the Thames. We are to be home in July next, it is understood we are to land at Leith, therefore I shall leave all accounts until then, when I propose doing myself the pleasure of paying you a visit in person.

Tartan has been issued to the extent of £300 Sterling for which you will be paid in April next.

I shall be much obliged if you can contrive to forward the parcel to London free of expense.

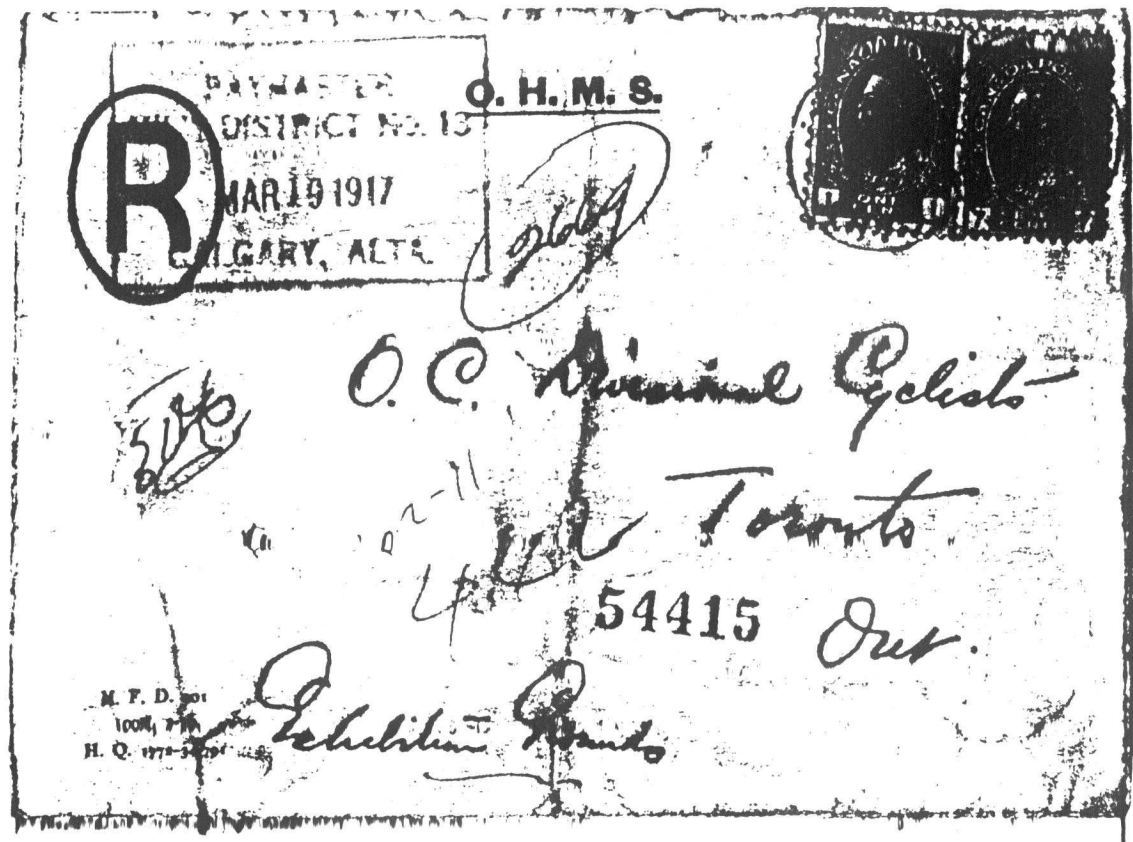
Believe me to remain
Gentlemen
Your very obt. Servant

A. Jameson
Qr. Mr. 79th "

A note of interest: This unit was raised in 1793 as The Cameronian Volunteers. It became the 79th Regt, Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. This unit is affiliated with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders (Winnipeg). (This note courtesy Bill Robinson).

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE COVER: A PAGE FROM THE COLLECTION OF STEVEN LUCIUK



MILITIA AND DEFENCE

March 1917

I beg to enclose, herewith, cheque
 No. *8301* amounting to \$ *75.25* in
 payment of your account dated *Oct 16 - Nov 24/16.* for
Trans Express Co. P. B. Johnson.

No acknowledgment is necessary. H. M. HILCHIE, Capt., C. A. P. C.
 Paymaster.

Folded horizontally, this cover was produced for the Canadian Army Pay Corps (C.A.P.C.). The "R" was printed on the envelope. After the sender completed the form, it was folded under the cover front and enclosed on three sides by flaps in order to secure the contents. Instructions for opening were printed on the back as well as "5 in 1 L.-E. Co., Ltd., Toronto, Can. Patent 1900-1908, Copyright" along the side edge.

The 1¢ and 7¢ admirals paying registration were cancelled by two Calgary circular postmarks (MR 19, 17). Two identical Calgary postmarks were placed on the cover back along with a partial circular Toronto receiving mark dated MR 23.

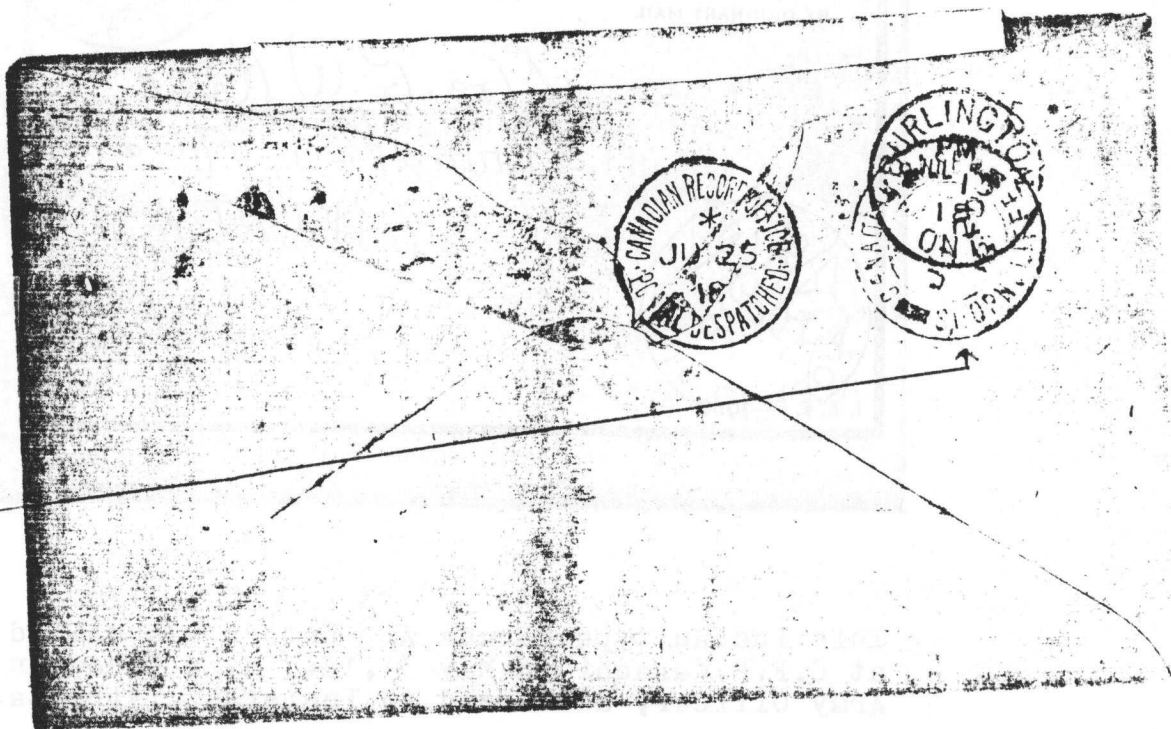
A four line boxed marking in blue, on the cover front, reads: PAYMASTER/MIL'Y DISTRICT No. 13/MAR 19 1917/CALGARY, ALTA". Military District #13 was in Alberta.

Another British type World War I marking unlisted by Bailey and Toop has surfaced in a large lot of covers from a recent auction. It is similar to one discovered by Ted Proud in the British proof books - but without the "P.O." designation after "Base", and without "Camp" after "Shorncliffe". A drawing is shown below.

The buff window envelope bearing a 1/2d King George V stamp, unsealed, paying the printed matter rate, was mailed in London, June 10, 1918, and shows the LONDON W.C. Krag machine cancel with "BUY NATIONAL WAR BONDS" slogan of 7:15 P.M., June 10, 1918.

It was re-addressed in red ink m/s "Try 1st Hdqrs Canadians Shorncliffe". This was crossed out and replaced by a red m/s "Not 2nd Hdqrs C.Res.Brigade". It was then backstamped with the CANADIAN BASE / SHORNCLIFFE cds of June 20, 1918, and sent to the Canadian Record Office, London, where it received the m/s notation "No record H.Q.Cans.", the CANADIAN RECORD OFFICE / POSTAL DESPATCHED cds of June 25, 1918, and an "O.H.M.S." label with the rubber-stamped address "ADJ-GEN. / RECORD OFFICE / OTTAWA CANADA".

In Ottawa they apparently applied another label with



the m/s address " 246 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton, Ont." in red. This is crossed out in pencil, and the address changed to "Rambo, Burlington, Ont." A BURLINGTON / ONT. cds shows final receipt on July 15, 1918.

Such is the interesting story told by the markings on this apparently ordinary cover. Most of the Canadian postal markings which appear from the World War I Forces in Great Britain show up either on re-addressed or registered covers, and you should keep your eyes open for them. Such markings do not appear on normal mail - the British Camp markings being used for outgoing mail. THEY ARE RARE !

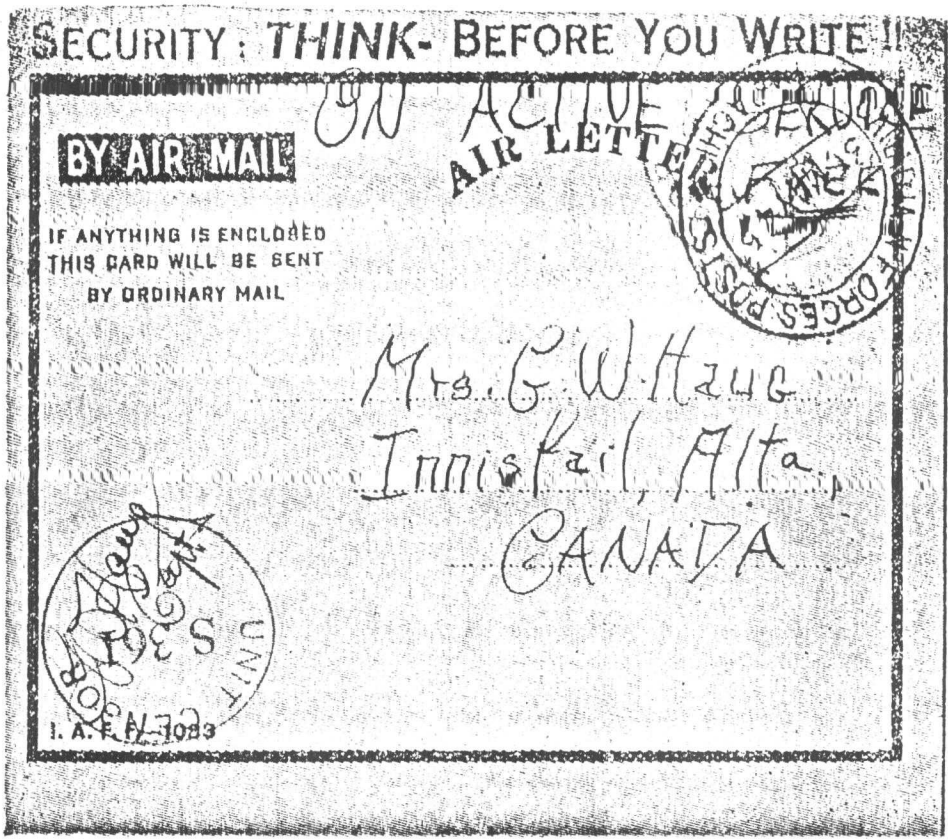
By Wm. G. Robinson

Military Mail

World War II Overseas

CANADIAN FORCES POSTS KARACHI

This Office opened early in 1944 to service Canadian personnel - mostly R.C.A.F. - who were serving in the north-western part of India. It operated until October, 1945.



This Indian type Forces Air-Letter was mailed at C.F.P.Karachi on May 31, 1945 by a Canadian Army Officer, addressed to Innisfail, Alberta.

Note the free franking. This is a quite unusual useage - since most of the function of this Office was to provide a directory and transfer service for mail passing to and from Canadian Units and individuals in the Indian theater.

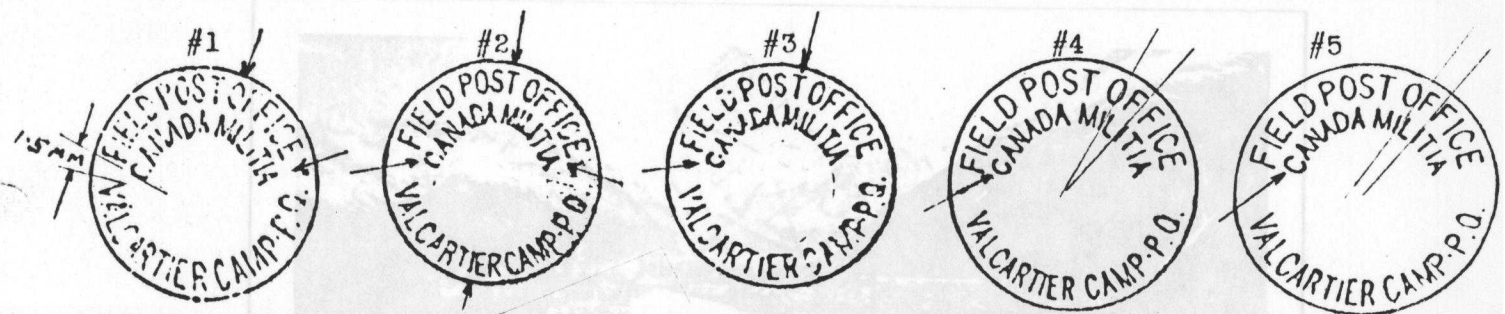
In March 1987 a mini survey of Valcartier cancels was carried out to determine which of the five hammers was used and in which years. The results are shown below. It is apparent that a number of strikes previously recorded, but not assigned to individual hammers, have not been reported in this survey. Would readers who did not receive the mini survey of March please report their Valcartier strikes assigning them to the applicable hammers illustrated.

Thanks to those who answered the current survey. Please note the earliest reported date, AUG 21, 1914, still holds that distinct position in the scheme of things. It is eight days after the proofing date.

Also note that the JUL 28 1916 date for hammer number 4 is from a REGISTERED cover.

The hammers numbering system below follows that used some years ago by the Postal Museum in correspondence and does not match the numbering system set out in the Proud/Bailey/Toop handbook of 1984.

C. CAMPBELL



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JUL 29 1916 AUG 21 " ? 22 " JUN 21 " JUL 9 1915

visit measurements to enable a man to serve his King and country in the ranks, and many a man whose heart has burned with loyalty and who has been keen to do "his bit" has been precluded by reason of the fact that he did not reach the required height. The British Columbia Bantams offers a place for him.

Although the B. C. Bantams is the first corps in the Dominion of its kind, the idea has been successfully carried out in the Mother Country, where some of the finest regiments of the line are composed of the Bantams, and the B. C. B's will be no exception to this record.

It is expected that the name of the commandant officer of the new unit will be announced within a few days, and that the battalion will be quickly filled up; therefore those who are anxious to find a place in the ranks of the unit should lose no time in communicating with Mr. Cox, who will enrol their names pending the completion of the machinery for recruiting within a few days.

Already about 250 men have signified their intention of joining the ranks of the Bantams, and it is expected that the battalion will be very quickly recruited to full strength. Where it will be trained has not yet been decided, but the probability is that it will make its headquarters at Vancouver or Victoria.

BANTAM REGIMENT

First Canadian Corps for Small Men Now Being Organized at the Coast.

VERNON NEWS (B.C.)

DECEMBER 2, 1915

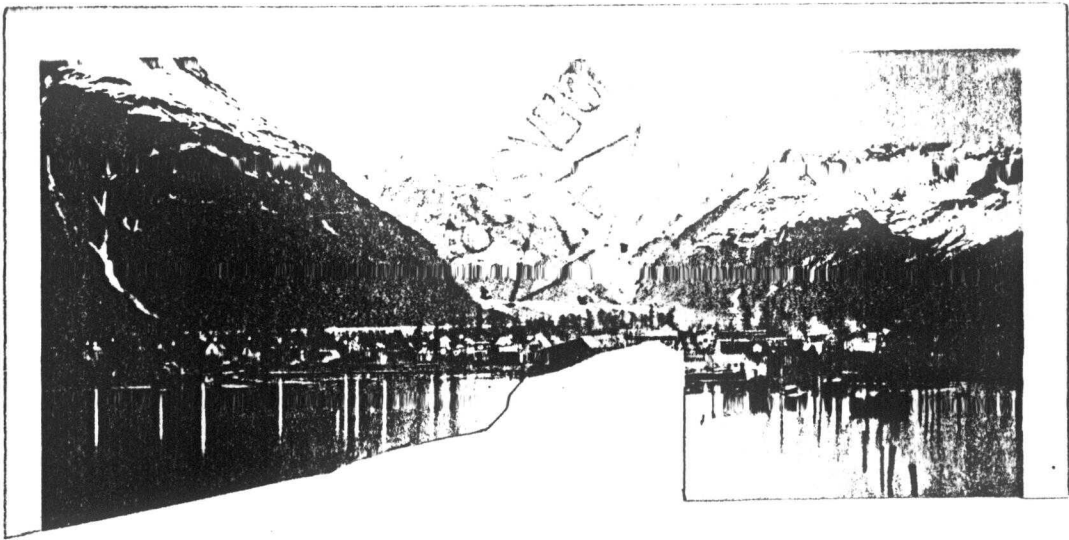
Authority has been given by the Militia Department at Ottawa for the formation of the "British Columbia Bantams" and recruiting has been commenced, applications for enrolment now being received by W. J. Cox of 1218 Langley Street, Victoria. The organization of the Bantams will fill a long-felt want in British Columbia, and give the smaller man, who, despite the fact that he does not tower among his fellows is also a first-class fighting man, the opportunity for which he has waited. The battalions which have been formed have held that five feet and four inches are the req-

by Colin Campbell

This postcard came under the censor's scissors with a vengeance!

The card was written by a young member of the Royal Canadian Air Force and posted to his wife in Victoria, B.C. It is believed to have been sent in an envelope from Anchorage in June 1942. The airman was attached to the R.C.A.F.'s 111 Fighter Squadron, flying Curtis P-40s, which had arrived at Anchorage in anticipation of Japanese attacks on the Aleutian Islands.

The squadron left Patricia Bay for Prince George, Watson Lake and on to Whitehorse. On June 8th they flew to Yakutat and finally, Anchorage. More aircraft followed a few days later but as they were fitted with belly fuel tanks they followed a coastal route.



As only a dozen words remained on the surviving portion of the postcard it is likely the picture contained, what the censor considered, sensitive material. Note the censor's stamp which reads:

MILITARY
 47
 CENSOR

The handstamp probably is of United States origin?

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This post card was likely from US APO 942 at Fort Richardson (Elmendorf Field), which was adjacent to Anchorage, Alaska.

Censor mark MILITARY/47/CENSOR as illustrated on the card is known used at this time from this A.P.O. This type censor mark was used only in Alaska and its period of use was May 1942 to November 1942 when it was replaced by the more familiar rectangular mark PASSED BY/U...S/ARMY EXAMINER. Here the number of the censor was between the U...S in a double oval.

Of the type used on the post card, there were four 'styles', the difference being that the number was enclosed by either a circle, a circle with a horizontal line, the diamond (shown here), or a rectangle.