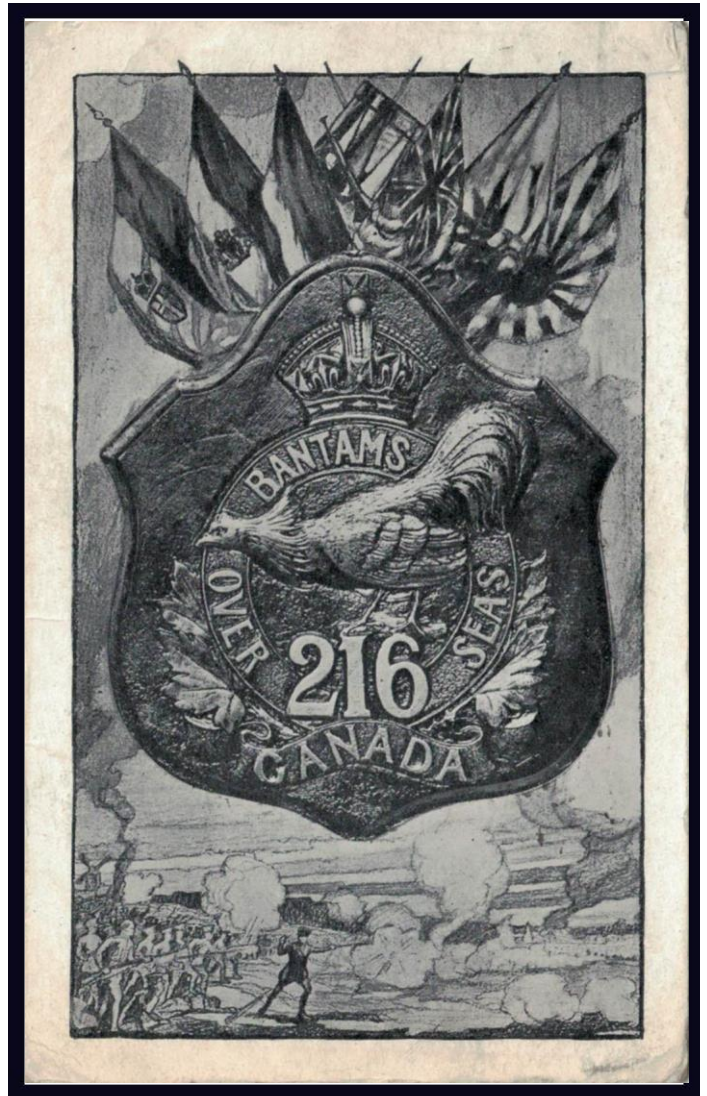


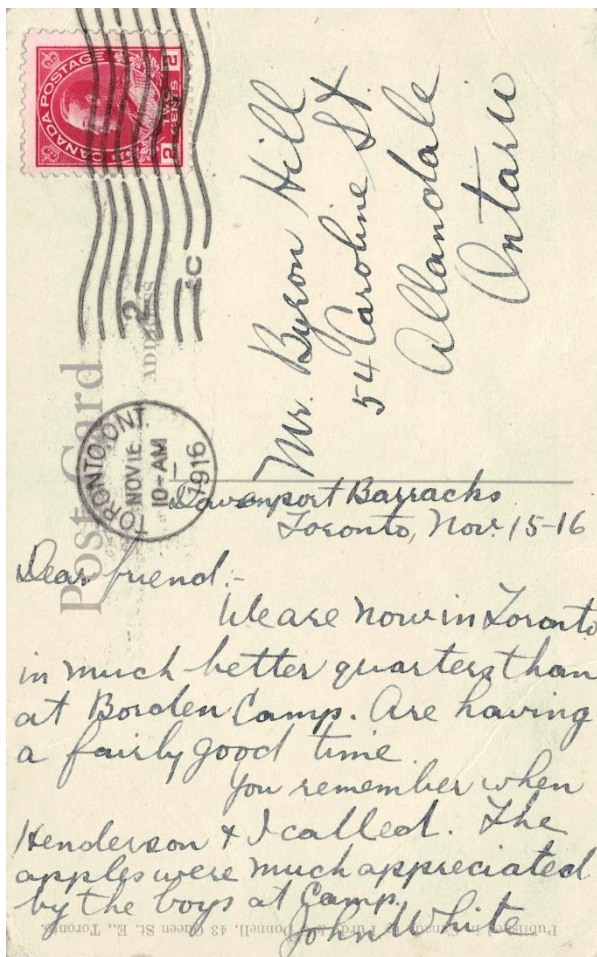
Military Toronto – 1916 – World War I – The Bantams

At the beginning of World War I the minimum height for Canadian soldiers was 5 feet 3 inches. Failing to meet strength an adjustment was made.

On February 17 1916 the Ministry of Militia authorized the formation of two Bantam battalions – the 143rd in British Columbia and the 216th in Toronto. The minimum height for these battalions was 5 feet 1 ½ inches. By mid-summer of 1916, the 216th had reached full strength with 1,000 men.



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"We are now in Toronto / in much better quarter than / at Borden Camp". After sailing to England in April 1917, the battalion was absorbed into the 3rd Reserve Battalion.