

### 126th 'Peel County' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915-1917

The 126th (Peel) Battalion was recruited in Peel County with mobilization headquarters at Toronto under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 126th Battalion was recruited principally by the 20th Halton Rifles and the 36th Peel Regiment these two militia regiments having previously contributed 171 and 230 volunteers respectively to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. These regiments also later helped to raise the 37th, 74th, 76th, 164th and 234th Battalions. The 126th Battalion embarked for England August 14th 1916 with of 32 officers and 822 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel F.J. Hamilton (36th Peel Regiment). After its arrival provided drafts to the 109th and 116th Infantry Battalions the remainder being absorbed into the 8th Reserve Battalion on its formation in January 1917. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 126th Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 126th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 775001 - 778000.

The 126th Battalion had two bands a brass band of 26 bandsmen and a bugle band of 26.

The badges for the 126th Battalion were produced by P.W. Ellis. During the course of WWI this company went through a number of changes which are reflected in the naming found on the badges. Initially badges will be found with the naming 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Ltd.', followed by 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto', later 'Ellis Bros.' The battalion being almost fully depleted of all ranks shortly after its arrival in England there are no known British made badges.

#### First issue maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'

##### Other ranks



626-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'



626-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'

##### Shoulder strap numerals



626-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



626-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### **Bandsman(?)**

626-11-108 Cap Gilt. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'



626-12-108 Collar Gilt. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'

### **Officers marked 'Ellis Bros.'**



626-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros'

626-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros'

626-11-112 Cap Red brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros'



626-12-112 Collar Red brown OSD. Pin fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'

### **Eaton's Stores 'Sweetheart Badges'**

Sweetheart or souvenir badges were very popular amongst wives and mothers with husbands and sons

serving with the CEF. These were produced both in Canada and England in various materials including gold, silver and often with elaborate multi-colour enamels. T.E. Eaton's stores sold a series of cap badge size badges mostly fitted with pin fasteners but occasionally with lugs, as souvenir pieces. These are believed to have been produced by Caron Bros. Montreal.



626-11-114 'Sweetheart' Copper finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked



126-11-116 'Sweetheart' Gilt finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 126th Battalion embarked for England August 14th where after its arrival provided drafts to the 109th and 116th Infantry Battalions the remainder being absorbed into the 8th Reserve Battalion on its formation in January 1917.**

#### **127th '12th York Rangers' (Railway Troops) Bn. 1915 - 1918**

The 127th Battalion was recruited November 12th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Toronto under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 12th Regiment York Rangers this previously having contributed 273 volunteers to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914, and later raised or provided volunteers to the 1st Construction Battalion and the 20th, 81st, 83rd, and 220th Infantry Battalions. On the expansion of the Canadian Railway Troops in 1916 the 127th Battalion requested that it be allowed to remain in tact as a railway construction battalion. Due to a high preponderance of the battalion being former railway men the offer was accepted and in November the 127th Infantry Battalion was redesignated as the 127th Battalion (Canadian Railway Troops). The battalion had already previously sent a strong contingent to the 1st Construction Battalion on its conversion to the 1st Battalion Canadian Railway Construction Battalion. The 127th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 with a strength of 32 officers and 972 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel F.F. Clarke (12th York Rangers). Effective February 3rd 1917 the 127th Battalion (Canadian Railway Troops) was designated as the 2nd Canadian Railway Troops. The unit sailed for France from Folkstone on March 11th 1917 serving on the Western Front for the duration of the Great War. The Battalion never adopted a 'regimental' pattern badge but continued to wear their original 127th Battalion pattern CEF badges. The 2nd Battalion Canadian Railway Troops were disbanded under General Order 196 of November 1st 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 127th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 778001 - 781000.

### **First issue by Ellis.**

The cap badges with pointed maple leaf the head of the lion with ears this maker marked 'Ellis Bros. The collars marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co. Toronto'. The numerals on the officers badges are silver plated.

### **Other ranks**



627-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Ellis Bros



627-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Marked P.W. Ellis & Co Toronto

### **NCOs**



627-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Ellis Bros

627-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked P.W. Ellis & Co Toronto

### **Shoulder strap numerals**



627-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



627-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



627-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked W. Scully Montreal.



627-14-110 Numeral Brass. 2 bar. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers badges by Ellis

627-11-112 Cap Pickled finish with silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Ellis Bros

627-12-112 Collar Pickled finish with silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Ellis Bros

### Sweetheart



627-12-114 Collar Silver on gilt. Pin fastener

### Officers badges by Birks



627-11-116 Cap Brown OSD with silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Marked Birks 1916





627-12-116 Collar Brown OSD with silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Birks 1916'

627-11-118 Cap Gilt with silvered numerals. Marked Birks 1916



627-12-118 Collar Gilt with silvered numerals. Marked Birks 1916

### OVERSEAS

## 2nd Battalion Canadian Railway Troops 1917 - 1918

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Cap badge with blunt maple leaf the head of the lion without visible ears. The motto ribbons framed.

### Other ranks



624-11-120 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



224-13-120 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

627-14-122 Numeral Brown finish. With both upper and lower 'bars'. Not maker marked

### Officers



627-11-124 Cap Brown finish, silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



627-12-124 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Eaton's Stores 'Sweetheart Badges'

Sweetheart or souvenir badges were very popular amongst wives and mothers with husbands and sons serving with the CEF. These were produced both in Canada and England in various materials including gold, silver and often with elaborate multi-colour enamels. T.E. Eaton's stores sold a series of cap badge size badges mostly fitted with pin fasteners but occasionally with lugs, as souvenir pieces. These are believed to have been produced by Caron Bros. Montreal.



627-11-130 'Sweetheart' Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

The 127th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 where effective February 3rd 1917 was redesignated the 127th Battalion (Canadian Railway Troops).

### **128th 'Moose Jaw' Battalion, 5th Division 1915 - 1918**

The 128th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in Saskatchewan November 19th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Moose Jaw under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 60th Rifles of Canada and the 95th Saskatchewan Rifles these regiments previously having contributed 294 and 171 volunteers respectively to the 11th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. Both regiments later contributed to the 46th, 68th, 152nd and 195th Battalions. The 128th Battalion embarked for England August 15th 1916 with 32 officers and 985 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel F. Pawlett (16th Light Horse) where in February 1917 the battalion was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division. In February 1918 the 5th Division was declared moribund and disbanded. Each of the 11 remaining battalions, (the 199th having previously been absorbed into the 23rd Reserve Battalion), were ordered to send a drafts of 100 men each to the infantry battalions serving with the Canadian Corps in the field, the remainder being absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 128th Battalion being absorbed into the 15th Reserve Battalion (Saskatchewan Regiment) which formed the reinforcement pool for the 5th, 28th, 46th and 1st CMR Battalions. The 128th Overseas Battalion was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 128th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 781001 - 784000.

### **Badges by R.J. Inglis Limited**

Cap badges with non voided Tudor Crown. Collars face.

#### **Other ranks**



628-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked





628-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

628-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



628-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

### NCOs(?)

628-11-108 Cap Pickled finish (Not currently confirmed)



628-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Bandsman

628-11-112 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

628-12-112 Collar Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

628-14-112 Title Silver plate. 'CANADA/128 MOOSE JAW'S'. Not maker marked

### Officers

628-11-114 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



628-12-114 Collar

Die cast brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



628-14-114 Title

Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## **OVERSEAS**

### **Formation patches**

The 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour. Only the Divisional Artillery and Machine Gun Brigade served in France the infantry battalions being used as reinforcements. Brigade designations were not worn by the 5th Division although seen in post war illustrations.

### **Other ranks**



### **Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.**

Cap badges with blunt maple leaves and framed motto ribbons

### **Other ranks**



628-11-116 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft B'ham

Collars with small numeral '128'



628-12-116 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Officers. Badges by J.R. Gaunt & Son. Ltd.**

The surface of the maple leaf collar badges are textured with small dots.

625-11-118 Cap Blackened finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Marked 'J.R. Gaunt London'

625-12-118 Collar Blackened finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Marked 'J.R. Gaunt London'

### **Modern British Counterfeit**



625-11-120 Cap Pressure cast. No reverse die. Blurred detail

### **129th 'Wentworth' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 129th (Wentworth) Battalion was recruited in Wentworth County with mobilization headquarters at Dundas under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 77th Wentworth Regiment this regiment previously having provided 78 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 129th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 with 32 officers and 807 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.E.S. Knowles (77th Wentworth Regiment). After its arrival the battalion was broken up with skilled drafts joining the 123rd Pioneers and 124th Railway Troops. In January 1917 the remaining personnel were assigned to the 12th Reserve Battalion on its formation this one of two reinforcing battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment (The second being the 3rd Reserve Battalion.), The 12th Reserve Battalion provided reinforcements for 3rd 15th, 20th and 75th (Toronto) Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 129th Overseas Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 129th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 784001 - 787000.

### **Badges by G.F. Hemsley**

The badges are voided both above and below the numeral '129'. The officers service dress badges have an applied brown finish the other ranks badges with a pickled finish, this wore off in use leaving the badges a toned brown colour which should not be mistaken for the OSD pattern.

## Other ranks



629-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



629-12-102 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## Shoulder strap numerals

629-14-104 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



629-14-106 Numeral

Brown finish 129. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

## NCOs



629-11-108 Cap

Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

## **Bandsman**

629-11-110	Cap	Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
629-12-110	Collar	Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## **Officers**



629-11-112	Cap	Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked
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629-12-112	Collar	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
629-11-114	Cap	Pickled with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
629-12-114	Collar	Pickled with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 129th Battalion had an attractive shoulder title struck but permission to wear this was not authorized. (Camp Order No.4 May 1st prohibits the use of shoulder other than numeral, "INF" and 'CANADA' )

637-14-114	Title	Pickled finish. 'CAN/129/ADA' surmounted with a beaver
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## **OVERSEAS**

### **Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.**

Currently only cap badges are reported. The cap badges are only voided above the numeral '129'. The motto ribbons are framed.

## **Other ranks**





629-11-116 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

629-11-118 Cap Red/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 129th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 where after its arrival the battalion was broken up with skilled drafts joining the 123rd Pioneers and 124th Railway Troops the remaining personnel being assigned to the 12th Reserve Battalion in January 1917.**

### 130th 'Lanark & Renfrew' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 130th (Lanark and Renfrew) Battalion was raised November 15th 1915 with headquarters at Perth under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The regiment was raised by the 42nd Lanark and Renfrew Regiment this previously having provided 128 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and providing volunteers to various other battalions raised in Eastern Ontario, the regiment later raising the 240th Battalion. The 130th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.F. de Hertal (42nd Lanark and Renfrew) with a strength of 25 officers and 573 OR's. In January 1917 the battalion was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion on its formation. This one of two reinforcing battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment (The second being the 3rd Reserve Battalion.). The 12th Reserve Battalion provided reinforcements for 3rd 15, 20th and 75th (Toronto) Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 130th Overseas Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 130th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 787001 - 790000.

### Type 1 (Voided)

### Other ranks



630-11-102 Cap Gilding metal. Die struck. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

630-12-102 Collar Matching collar not currently confirmed

### NCOs(?)



630-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



630-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and title

630-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Flat top '3'. By Caron Bros not maker marked



630-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 130. Round topped '3'. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

630-14-110 Title Natural gilding metal finish 130/CANADA. Not maker marked.

### Officers



630-11-112	Cap	Red brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
630-12-112	Collar	Red brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
630-11-114	Cap	Pickled with white metal overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
630-12-114	Collar	Pickled with white metal overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Badges by Kinnear and D'Esterre**



630-11-116	Cap	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "Kinnear & D'Esterre"
630-12-116	Collar	Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "Kinnear & D'Esterre"

### **Sweetheart (?)**



630-12-118	Collar	Gilt on silver. Pin fastener.
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### **Badges by Hemsley (Type 2)**

Two patterns were produced by Hemsley. Type 1 was not voided. Most are encountered in new condition indicating this pattern was not issued but a private souvenir purchase.

### **Type 1 (Non-voided)**



630-11-120 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked  
630-12-120 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

The badges are voided, the maple leaf wreath poorly defined

#### Other ranks

630-11-122 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked  
630-12-122 Collar Matching collar not currently reported

**The 130th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 where in January 1917 was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion.**

### 131st 'New Westminster' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 131st Battalion (Westminster) Battalion nicknamed the 'Hungry and thirsty first' was recruited and mobilized at New Westminster under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 104th Westminster Fusiliers of Canada the regiment previously having provided 153 volunteers to the 7th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and volunteers to the 47th Battalion in February 1915. The 131st Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Taylor (104th Westminster Fusiliers) with a strength of 32 officers and 954 other ranks. In January 1917 the battalion amalgamated with a number of other BC Battalions in England to form the 1st Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all troops the 131st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under GO.82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 131st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 790001 - 793000.

### Badges by O.B. Allan

#### Other ranks



631-11-102 Cap Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tangs. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'



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| 631-12-102 | Collar | Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tangs. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan' |
| 631-14-102 | Title  | Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tangs. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan' |

### NCOs(?)



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| 631-11-104 | Cap | Dark brown finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan' |
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| 631-12-104 | Collar | Brown finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan' |
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### Shoulder strap numerals

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| 631-14-106 | Numeral | Gilding metal. (Not currently reported)                    |
| 631-14-108 | Numeral | Brown finish 131. Round top '3'. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' |

### Officers





631-11-110 Cap Brown. Flat back. Tiptaft pattern lugs. Stamped 'O.B. Allan'



631-12-110 Collar Brown finish. N/S lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

631-11-112 Cap Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

631-12-112 Collar Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

### **Bandsman**



631-11-114 Cap Gilt finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

631-12-114 Collar Gilt finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

### **OVERSEAS**

#### **Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.**

Blunt maple leaf only collars currently noted.



631-12-116 Collar      Antique copper finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 131st Battalion under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Taylor (104th Westminster Fusiliers) with a strength of 32 officers and 954 other ranks.

**The 131st nicknamed the 'Hungry and thirsty first' embarked for England November 1st 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with a number of other BC Battalions in England to form the 1st Reserve Battalion.**

#### **132nd 'North Shore' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 132nd (North Shore) Battalion was recruited in Northern New Brunswick with mobilization headquarters at Chatham under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 73rd Northumberland Regiment this previously having provided 76 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The regiment also later raised the 165th Battalion. The 132nd Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel G.W. Mercurial (73rd Northumberland Regiment), with a strength of 32 officers and 809 other ranks. On December 9th 1916 the 132nd Battalion provided 150 reinforcements for the 87th Battalion. In January 1917 the 132nd Battalion amalgamated with other New Brunswick Battalions to form the 13th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 132nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 132nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 793001 - 796000.

#### **Badges by R.J. Inglis**

Pointed maple leaf with plain motto ribbons. The other ranks pattern are non voided.

#### **Other ranks**



632-11-102 Cap      Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked R.J. Inglis Limited



632-12-102 Collar Brown finish.. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

632-14-104 Numeral Brown finish 132. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3'

632-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros (not reported)

### Officers



632-11-108 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Stamped R.J. Inglis

632-13-108 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners.

### Sweetheart/Bandsman (?)



632-12-110 Collar Silver plate. Pin fastener. A matching cap is not currently reported

### Badges by G.F. Hemsley



632-11-112 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



632-12-112 Collar Brown OSD finish.. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

632-11-114 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

632-12-114 Collar Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Private purchase souvenir issue (?)



632-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



632-12-116 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

632-14-116 Title

Pickled finish. 'CAN/132/ADA' Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Large numeral '132'

#### Other ranks



632-11-118 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

632-12-118 Collar

A matching collar badges has not currently been identified

#### Officers cap badge by currently unidentified maker

Large thin numeral '132'



632-11-120 Cap

Red Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

632-12-120 Collar

A matching collar badges is not currently reported

**The 132nd Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916. On December 9th 1916 the 132nd Battalion provided 150 reinforcements to the 87th Battalion. In January 1917 the 132nd Battalion amalgamated with other New Brunswick Battalions to form the 13th Reserve Battalion.**

#### 133rd 'Norfolk's Own' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 133rd (Norfolk's Own) Battalion was recruited with headquarters at Simcoe under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 39th Norfolk Rifles this regiment previously having contributed 30 volunteers to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 133rd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 with 21 officers and 665 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.C. Pratt (Honoury rank), being absorbed by the 36th Battalion, Training and Reserve,



this becoming the 3rd Reserve Battalion in January 1917. Being fully depleted of all troops the 133rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 133rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 796001 - 799000.

The 133rd Battalion had both a brass band, 24 musicians, and a bugle band of 22.

### **Badges by unidentified maker**

Noted in the correspondence between the 133rd Battalion and the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. M.D. #2 , in the Canadian Archives, regarding the approval of the submitted designs is the following: "I am sending you under separate cover three complete sets of our collar and caps badges. There is one Officers Badge enclosed, we do not have collar badges."

Badges with narrow pointed maple leaf with plain motto ribbons these with small lettering.

### **Other ranks**



633-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



633-12-102 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Officers (?)**



633-11-104 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**Badges by G.F. Hemsley Ltd. Montreal.**



633-11-106 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



633-12-106 Collar

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**Shoulder strap numerals**



633-14-108 Numeral

Brown finish 133. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3s'

633-15-110 Numeral

Gilding metal By Caron Bros. Flat topped numeral '3s'.

**Officers**



633-11-112 Cap

Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



633-12-112 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



633-11-114 Cap Red/brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Motto ribbons 'framed' with large lettering.

633-11-116 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



633-12-116 Collar Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 133rd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 immediately being absorbed by the 36th Battalion, Training and Reserve, this becoming the 3rd Reserve Battalion in January 1917.**

### 134th '48th Highlanders' Bn., 5th Division 1915 - 1918

The 134th (48th Highlanders) Battalion was recruited December 4th 1915 and mobilized at Toronto by the 48th Highlanders of Canada, being authorized under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 134th Battalion was raised entirely from the 48th Highlanders this regiment previously having provided 836 volunteers to the 15th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raising the 92nd Battalion. The 134th Battalion embarked for England August 9th 1916 with 32 officers and 1078 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A. Miller (48th Highlanders), where it was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division then in formation in England. In February 1918 the 5th Division was disbanded each of the 11 remaining battalions, (the 199th having previously been absorbed

into the 23rd Reserve Battalion), were ordered to send a drafts of 100 men each to the units in the field and the remainder were absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 134th Battalion was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion this one of two reinforcing battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment (The second being the 3rd Reserve Battalion.) The 12th Reserve Battalion provided reinforcements for 3rd 15th, 20th and 75th (Toronto) Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 134th Battalion was officially disbanded under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 134th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 799001 - 802000.

The 134th Battalion had a brass band of 33 musicians, a bugle band of 26 and a pipe band of 16 pipers and seven drummers.

Noted in the correspondence between the 134th Battalion and the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. M.D. #2 in the Canadian Archives, regarding the approval of the submitted badge designs is the following in a letter dated January 15th 1915: "I have not yet received official confirmation of the proposed badge for this Regiment. The badge is necessary to give the winter caps worn by the battalion the proper appearance,".

### Pattern or prototype collar



634-12-102 Collar 'Gordon Highlanders' 134th Bn. Smooth semi-hollow back with copper wire lugs.

The first badges were produced by P.W.Ellis and are maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'. This pattern has a large buckle and the numeral '134' is textured. The other ranks badges have flat cut sheet copper lug fasteners.

### Other ranks



634-11-104 Cap Brown finish. Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'





634-12-104 Collar Brown finish. N/S/ Flat cut sheet copper lugs.. Not maker marked



632-14-104 Title Copper finish. Flat N/S lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros'



634-11-106 Cap Brown finish. Round wire lug.s Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'



634-12-106 Collar Brown finish. Round wire lugs. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



634-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Flat topped numeral '3'.



634-14-110 Numeral

Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3' (Not reported)

### Officers



634-11-112 Cap

Chocolate brown OSD finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Not maker marked



634-12-112 Collar

Red/Brown OSD finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Not maker marked '

### Pipers/Officers



634-11-114 Cap

Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'

### Sweetheart (?)



634-12-116 Collar

Gilt. Pin fastener

## OVERSEAS

**Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.**

### Other ranks



634-11-118 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



634-12-118 Collar

Brown finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



634-11-120 Cap Red/Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

634-12-120 Collar Red/Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Formation patches

The 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour and worn without brigade distinctions although these are illustrated as being worn in contemporary literature. Authorized officers patterns to be embroidered with an angular gold 'bullion' wire letter 'C' inset with five bars these are currently unknown. The only noted divisional signs noted being painted, in white, on the steel helmet. (These are known to have been painted in white on all Divisional vehicles.) Only the Divisional Artillery and Machine Gun Brigade served in France the infantry battalions being used as reinforcements.

Brigade designations were not worn by the 5th Division although seen in illustrations.



### Post WWI fantasy

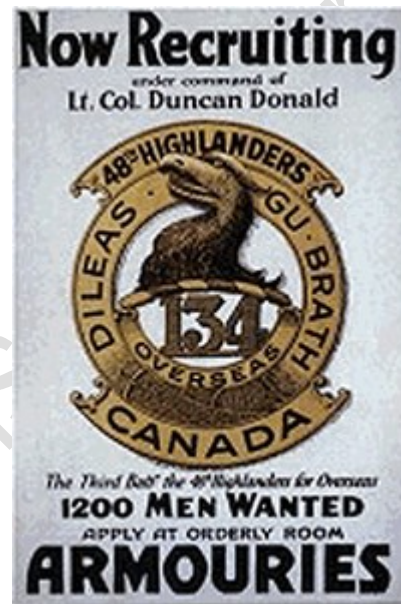
Some of the dies for a collar badge worn left were extensively re-struck in England these in natural gilding metal finish are fitted with slide fasteners and usually offered as beret badges, this type of headdress not being worn in WWI.



634-12-130 Badge

Brown finish. Slide fastener. Not maker marked

### Recruiting Posters



### 135th 'Middlesex' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 135th (Middlesex) Battalion was recruited in Middlesex County with mobilization headquarters at London Ontario under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 26th Regiment Middlesex Light Infantry this previously having contributed 26 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 135th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel B. Robson (26th Middlesex Light Infantry), with a strength of 32 officers and 910 other ranks. The battalion was absorbed into the 8th Reserve Battalion on its formation in January 1917. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 135th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 135th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 802001 - 805000.

The 135th Battalion had a brass band of 31 bandsmen and a bugle band of 26.

### Badges by P.W.Ellis.

Two issues were made one with an applied gilt lacquer finish. Photographs of various CEF Battalions marching through their home towns to the railway station the badges can be seen to be 'shiny'. This finish, that was easily removed presumably when the battalions reached their ports of embarkation, this finish is evident on many of the shoulder strap numerals by Caron Bros.



### Original lacquer finish

- 635-11-102 Cap Dull gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co'
- 635-12-102 Collar Dull gilt finish. E/W Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co'

### Other ranks



- 635-11-104 Cap Brown finish. Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. 1916'



- 635-12-104 Collar Brown finish. N/S Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. 1916'

### Shoulder strap numerals

- 635-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Flat topped numeral '3'.



- 635-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3'



- 635-14-110 Numeral Theatre made Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3'

### Officers

- 635-11-112 Cap Brown with silver wash on numerals. Flat lugs. Marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. 1916'
- 635-12-112 Collar Brown with silver wash on numerals. Flat lugs. Marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. 1916'



## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

'CANADA' framed only collar badges currently reported

#### Other ranks



635-12-114 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 135th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 being absorbed into the 8th Reserve Battalion in January 1917.**

#### 136th 'Overseas' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1916

The 136th Battalion was recruited in the Counties of Durham, Ontario and Pontiac, and Western Quebec with mobilization headquarters at Kingston under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 46th Durham Regiment this regiment previously having contributed 50 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914, additional volunteers were also provided by the 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles, 15th Argyll Light Infantry, the 16th Prince Edward Regiment and the 49th Hastings Rifles. The 136th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel R.W. Smart (46th Durham Regiment), with a strength of 18 officers and 492 other ranks where it was almost immediately absorbed into the 39th Canadian Infantry Battalion, Training and Reserve. In January 1917 the 39th Infantry Battalion was reorganized as the 6th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 136th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 136th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 805001 - 808000.

#### Interim pattern

Two varieties of 'interim' pattern badges are known for the 136th Battalion.

#### Other ranks.



636-11-102 Cap Brown GS maple leaf with applied brass 136. Marked P.W.Ellis Co 1915

636-11-104 Cap Brown GS maple leaf with applied brass 136. Maker marked Roden Bros.

The dies for the Canadian made badges were produced by Reynolds, Port Hope, Ontario presumably a local Jeweler, the badges being struck by R.J. Inglis Limited. The lower loop of the '3' touching. The 'browning copper' pattern badges listed in the previous Charlton Standard Catalogue are other ranks badges on which the original pickled finish has worn off in use.

### Other ranks.



636-11-106 Cap

Pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "Reynolds Port Hope"



636-12-106 Collar

Pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



636-11-108 Cap

Gilt finish. Flat back. Pin fastener. Maker marked "Reynolds Port Hope"

636-12-108 Collar

Gilt finish. Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

636-14-110 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



636-14-112 Numeral

Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



636-14-114 Numeral

Brass with serifs. Attributed to Reynolds

## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Framed motto ribbons, the lower loop of the '3' is open.

### Other ranks



636-11-116 Cap

Blackened/Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



636-11-116 Cap

Gilt wash. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



636-12-116 Collar

Gilt wash. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 136th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 where it was almost immediately absorbed into the 39th Canadian Infantry Battalion, Training and Reserve.

### **137th 'Calgary' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 137th (Calgary) Battalion was recruited and mobilized in Calgary under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 103rd Calgary Rifles the regiment had previously contributed 846 volunteers to the 10th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later contributed volunteers to the 50th 56th, 82nd, and 89th Battalions. The 137th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 with a strength of 32 officers and 932 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel G.W. Moffit (103rd Calgary Rifles). In January 1917 the battalion amalgamated with other CEF battalions raised in Alberta to form the 21st Reserve Battalion. The 137th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 137th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 808001 - 811000.

The 137th Battalion had a brass band with 27 bandsmen.

The initial order for the badges was placed with D.E. Black & Co., a jewelry company located in Calgary the badges being struck by R.J. Inglis. Currently other ranks collar badges are not confirmed.

### **Badges by D.E. Black & Co. Calgary**

#### **Other ranks**



637-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E.Black & Co Calgary

637-12-102 Collar

Brown finish. (Not confirmed)

#### **Bandsman**



637-11-104 Cap Gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black & Co Calgary



637-12-104 Collar Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked D.E. Black & Co Calgary

### **Shoulder strap numerals and title**

637-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Montreal. Not maker marked.



637-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

'Made up' shoulder title. Caron Bros numeral braised to 'INF' over voided 'CANADA' title.

637-15-110 Title Natural gilding metal. '137/INF/CANADA'. Lug fasteners. Not marked

### **Officers**

637-11-112 Cap Pickled copper highlights. Tangs. Maker marked D.E. Black & Co Calgary



637-12-112 Collar Pickled. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black & Co Calgary





637-14-112 Title Pickled copper highlights. Tangs. Maker marked D.E.Black & Co Calgary

### Badges by R.J. Inglis Limited

Reverse fully struck up.

### Other ranks



637-11-114 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



637-11-116 Cap Blackened OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers badges by Chauncy

637-11-118 Cap Pickled finish. Flat back. Maker marked Chauncy



637-12-118 Collar Pickled finish. Flat back. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Blunt maple leaves, CANADA' in large lettering. Collars with framed 'CANADA'.

### Other ranks

637-11-120 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



637-12-120 Collar Blackened finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

637-11-122 Cap Wm. overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

637-12-122 Collar Wm. overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### 103rd Calgary Rifles Reinforcing Draft

The 103rd Calgary Rifles reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

Regimental numbers block 2,336301 - 2,341300.

The 137th Battalion embarked for England August 24th where in January 1917 amalgamated with other CEF battalions raised in Alberta to form the 21st Reserve Battalion.