

138th 'Edmonton' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 138th (Edmonton) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Edmonton under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers this regiment having previously contributed 1247 volunteers to the 9th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The Regiment also contributed to the volunteers to the 66th and 202nd Battalions. The 138th Battalion embarked for England August 24th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel R. Belcher (C.O. 5th Mounted Brigade M.D. 13), with a strength of 32 officers and 870 other ranks where in January 1917 merged with other Alberta Battalions then in England to form the 21st Reserve Battalion. The 138th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 138th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 811001 - 814000.

The 138th Battalion had a brass band of 38 Musicians, no specific bandsman pattern badges are identified.

Initial issues(?)

A series of similar badges were produced for the 63rd, 66th, 138th 151st; 194th, 202nd, 218th and 233rd Battalions all mobilized at Edmonton. All are rare and are thought issued on the formation of the various battalions prior to battalion badges being authorized. The maker is believed to be Jackson Bros.

638-11-102 Cap Brown finished brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



638-12-102 Collar Brown finished brass. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

Badges by Jackson Bros

Fully struck up reverse. Tall beaver. Maker marked

Other ranks



638-11-104 Cap Darkened/pickled finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Marked 'Jackson Bros.'



638-12-104 Collar

Darkened/Pickled finish. Tall beaver. E/W lugs. Marked 'Jackson Bros.'

Officers



638-11-106 Cap

Brown OSD finish. Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Marked Jackson Bros.

638-12-106 Collar

Brown OSD finish. Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Badges by unidentified maker



638-11-108 Cap

Pickled finish. Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked



638-12-108 Collar

Pickled finish. N/S Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers



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| 638-11-110 | Cap | Red/Brown OSD. Flat back. Not maker marked |
| 638-12-110 | Collar | Red/Brown OSD. Flat back. Not maker marked |
| 638-11-112 | Cap | Pickled with silver overlay. (No recent sales recorded) |
| 638-12-112 | Collar | Pickled with silver overlay. (Not reported) |

Shoulder titles and numerals



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| 638-14-114 | Numeral | Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Montreal. Not maker marked. |
| 638-14-116 | Numeral | Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' |
- Unit made shoulder titles with Birks numeral braised to 'INF' over voided 'CANADA' title.
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| 638-14-118 | Title | Natural gilding metal. '138/INF/CANADA'. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
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OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Thin framed numerals. Only collar badges reported

Other ranks



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| 638-12-12 | Collar | Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
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The 138th Battalion embarked for England August 24th where in January 1917 merged with other Alberta Battalions then in England to form the 21st Reserve Battalion.

139th 'Northumberland' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1916

The 139th (Northumberland) Battalion was recruited in Northumberland County with mobilization headquarters at Cobourg under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 the battalion being raised from the 40th Northumberland and 46th Durham Regiments, these regiments previously having contributed 81 and 50 volunteers respectively to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. These two militia regiments also raised or provided volunteers to the 39th, 136th, 155th, 235th and 254th Battalions. The 139th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 with 21 officers and 495 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Floyd (9th Infantry Brigade), where after its arrival was almost immediately absorbed into the 36th Canadian Infantry Battalion, Training and Reserve. In January 1917 the 36th Battalion was reorganized and merged with other battalions to form the 3rd Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 139th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 139th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 814001 - 817000.

Badges by G.F. Hemsley Ltd. Montreal.

Pointed 'rays' with plain motto ribbons.

Other ranks



639-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



639-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



639-14-104 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3'

Officers

639-11-106	Cap	Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
639-12-106	Collar	Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals

639-14-108	Numeral	Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (not reported).
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OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Badges with blunt 'rays' the motto ribbons framed.

Other ranks

639-11-110	Cap	Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
639-12-110	Collar	Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers



639-11-112	Cap	OSD Red brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
639-12-112	Collar	OSD Red brown finish. (Not reported)

Counterfeit

A modern cast reproduction of the Tiptaft pattern cap badge appeared on the market in England in 2004 this with a greenish imitation pickled finish, poorly defined obverse and crude poorly detailed reverse,

The 139th Battalion embarked for England September 27th where it was almost immediately absorbed into the 36th Canadian Infantry Battalion, Training and Reserve.

140th 'New Brunswick' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 140th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in New Brunswick with mobilization headquarters at Saint John under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 being raised by the 71st York Regiment this previously having contributed 160 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 140th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel L.H. Beer (36th P.E.I. Light Horse) with a strength of 33 officers and 820 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other New Brunswick battalions to form the 13th Reserve Battalion. The 140th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 102 of August 15th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 140th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 817001 - 820000.

Badges by R.J. Inglis Ltd.

Cap badges with voided Tudor crown with 'long' lettered 'CANADA' ribbon.

Other ranks



140-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked R.J. Inglis Limited

640-12-102 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners

NCOs



140-11-104 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



640-12-104 Collar

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals and titles

640-14-106 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked

640-14-108 Numeral

Brown finish 140. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

640-14-110 Title Gilding metal finish Caron 140 over CANADA. Not maker marked.

Officers



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| 640-11-112 | Cap | Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'R.J. Inglis' |
| 640-12-112 | Collar | Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 640-11-114 | Cap | Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 640-12-114 | Collar | Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked |

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

The Tudor crown is not voided and the lettering on the 'CANADA' ribbon is short.

Other ranks



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| 640-11-116 | Cap | Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 640-12-116 | Collar | Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

Officers



640-11-118 Cap

Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



640-12-118 Collar

Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 140th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other New Brunswick battalions to form the 13th Reserve Battalion.

141st 'Border Bull Moose' (Reinforcing) Bn. 1915 - 1917

The 141st (Border) Battalion was recruited in the Rainy River district of Northern Ontario with mobilization headquarters at Fort Francis near the Ontario/US border under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 96th Lake Superior Regiment this previously having provided 316 volunteers to the 8th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion. The 141st Battalion embarked for England April 29th 1917 with 17 officers and 466 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel D.C. McKenzie (98th Kenora Light Infantry), where it was absorbed into the 18th Reserve Battalion this one of two the reserve battalions providing reinforcements for the 8th, 78th and 52nd Battalion serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all troops the 141st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded, effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 89 of September 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 141st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 820001 - 823000.

Badges attributed to Birks

The cap badges are voided the collar badges are solid and do not 'face'

Other ranks



641-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



641-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals

641-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)

641-14-106 Numeral Brown finish 141. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

Officers



641-11-108 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

641-12-108 Collar Brown OSD finish. Collars voided. Not maker marked



641-11-110 Cap Dull gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



641-12-110 Collar Dull gilt finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

641-11-112 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

641-12-112 Collar Silver plate. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

641-11-114 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Marked 'STERLING'

641-12-114 Collar Sterling silver. N/S Lug fasteners. Marked 'STERLING'

Sweetheart pins



641-12-116 Gilt on silver. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



641-12-118 Gilt 28mm Pin fastener. Not maker marked

641-12-120 Sterling silver 28mm Pin fastener. Not maker marked

The 141st Battalion embarked for England April 29th 1917 where it was absorbed into the 18th Reserve Battalion

142nd 'London's Own' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1916

The 142nd Battalion (London's Own) was recruited November 23rd 1915 and mobilized at London Ontario under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 7th Fusiliers this regiment previously having contributed 146 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raised the 33rd Battalion The 142nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 with a strength of 26 officers and 574 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel C.M.R. Graham (Honoury rank), where the battalion was almost immediately absorbed into the 23rd Battalion, Training and Reserve supplying reinforcements to the 14th and 24th Battalions serving on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 142nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 89 of September 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 142nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 823001 - 826000.

Interim badges are known for the 142nd Battalion. Most of the genuine 'interim' badges were worn by battalions raised in Military District No.1. The other ranks pattern has a distinctive small brass numeral '142' with lower bar, fixed with wires through holes drilled through a variety of different patterns of General Service maple leaf pattern badges.

Other ranks



642-11-102 Cap Brass numeral '142' H. Lees 1915 marked GS maple leaf cap badge.

642-12-102 Collar Brass numeral '142' on GS maple leaf collar badge.



642-14-104 Numeral Natural gilding metal '142/LONDON, ONT' engraved on lower bar

Officers.

The officers pattern has a larger bronze numeral '142' braised to the General Service maple leaf badges

642-11-106 Cap Bronze numeral '142' on GS maple leaf cap badge.

642-12-106 Collar Bronze numeral '142' on GS maple leaf cap badge.

Two different issues of battalion pattern badges were made for the 142nd Battalion one by G.F. Hemsley; these badges with thin figures in the numeral '142' the motto ribbons plain. The other by Caron Bros., this issue with wide figures in the numeral '142' and the motto ribbons framed.

Badges by G.F. Hemsley.

Fully struck up reverse

Other ranks



642-11-108 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

642-12-108 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

NCOs



642-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

642-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals



642-14-112 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

642-14-114 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked

Officers

642-11-116 Cap

Silvered numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



642-12-116 Collar

Silvered numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Sweetheart



642-12-118 Collar

Gilt finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

Badges by Caron Bros.

Collar badges with small numeral '142' and small shield in the arms of Middlesex County.

Other ranks.



642-11-120 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "Caron Bros 1916"



642-12-120 Collar

Pickled finish. Flat back. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder title

642-14-122 Title Natural gilding metal finish 142/CANADA. Not maker marked. (Caron '142')

Officers



642-11-124 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "Caron Bros 1916"

642-12-124 Collar Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners.



642-11-126 Cap Pickled finish, silver wash on numerals and shield.. Marked Caron Bros 1916

642-12-126 Collar Pickled finish, silver wash on numerals. Lug fasteners.

The 142nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 where it was almost immediately absorbed into the 23rd Battalion, Training and Reserve.

143rd 'B.C. Bantams' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

On the outbreak of WWI strict regulations for height, age, weight, marital status and health were established amongst the hoard of volunteers trying to join the CEF. As the war progressed and casualties started to mount the flow of volunteers dried up and by 1916 a number of 'bantam' battalions were formed from men of smaller stature who had previously volunteered for service but turned down due to height requirements.

The 143rd (British Columbia Bantams) Battalion was recruited in BC with mobilization headquarters at Victoria under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 being raised by the 50th Gordon Highlanders and the 88th Victoria Fusiliers these regiments having previously having provided 262 volunteers to the 16th Battalion on its formation and 247 volunteers to the 7th Battalions respectively at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. Together both battalions also provided volunteers to the 67th, 88th, 102nd and 103rd Battalions. The 143rd Battalion embarked for England February 17th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.B. Powley (88th Victoria Fusiliers), with a strength of 32 officers and 882 other ranks where the battalion was absorbed into the 24th Reserve Battalion (with drafts sent to the Canadian Railway Troops).

Being fully depleted of all ranks the 143rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 60 of April 15th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 143rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 826001 - 829000.

Badges by unidentified maker

Two different patterns of collar badges are noted. Photographs show both officers and other ranks wearing the rooster over numeral pattern collar badges whilst in Canada.

Other ranks



643-11-102 Cap

Darkened brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



643-12-102 Collar

Darkened brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



643-11-104 Cap

Brown finish. Lug or tang fasteners. Not maker marked



643-12-104 Collar Brown finish. Tang fasteners. Not maker marked



643-12-106 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals

643-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked. Flat topped '3'



643-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3'

Officers

643-11-112 Cap Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



643-12-112 Collar Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Marked Sterling



643-12-114 Collar Brown finish on silver or wm. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



643-12-116 Collar Brown OSD finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

No.1 Bantam Infantry Draft

The No. 1 Bantam Infantry Draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The 143rd Battalion embarked for England February 17th 1917 where the battalion was absorbed into the 24th Reserve Battalion (with drafts sent to the Canadian Railway Troops).

144th 'Winnipeg Rifles' (Reserve) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 144th (Winnipeg Rifles) Battalion was the third of five battalions raised by the 90th Winnipeg Rifles with mobilization at Winnipeg under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 144th Battalion embarked for England September 19th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.W. Morley (90th Winnipeg Rifles), with a strength of 29 officers and 962 other ranks. In January 1917 the battalion merged with other Manitoba Battalions in England to form the 16th Reserve Battalion. The 144th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective 17th July 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 144th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 829001 - 832000.

Badges by Birks

The numeral '3' attached to two points on the motto ribbons.

Other ranks



644-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Flat back marked Birks



644-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers

644-11-104 Cap Wm overlay on '3' and motto. Pickled finish. Lug fasteners.

644-12-104 Collar Wm overlay on '3' and motto. Pickled finish. Lug fasteners.

Badges by Dingwall

The numeral '3' attached to only one point on the motto ribbons.

Other ranks



644-11-106 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Dingwall



644-12-106 Collar Pickled finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Not maker marked

644-12-108 Collar Pickled finish. Solid. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals

644-14-110 Numeral Gilt lacquer finish. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.



644-14-112 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'.

Senior NCOs



- 644-11-114 Cap Cast sterling silver maker marked H.M. Ryrie Sterling
- 644-12-116 Collar Sterling silver. Not currently confirmed

Officers

- 644-11-116 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ryrie'
- 644-12-116 Collar Sterling silver. Not currently confirmed

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

The tines on the trident are not voided and the cup, with a flat top, is held upright.

Other ranks. Error motto.



- 644-11-118 Cap Gilding metal. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Tiptaft B'ham'



- 644-12-118 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Other ranks. Corrected motto.



- 644-11-120 Cap Blackened/pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



644-12-120 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. Die struck reverse. Not maker marked

Officers

644-11-122 Cap Die cast. Semi-hollow back. ½ Round copper wire lugs Marked 'Tiptaft B'ham'

Counterfeit



644-11-124 Cap Cast brass. Blurred detail

Counterfeit (UK 2018)



644-11-126 Cap Pressure cast silver. Note the blurred detail and extra metal around the design this not found on original die struck examples.

The 144th Battalion embarked for England September 19th where in January 1917 the battalion merged with other Manitoba Battalions in England to form the 16th Reserve Battalion.

145th (New Brunswick) (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 145th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in Kent and Westmoreland Counties in New Brunswick with mobilization headquarters at Moncton under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 145th Battalion was recruited by the 74th Regiment (The New Brunswick Rangers) this regiment previously having contributed 73 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raising the 55th and 236th Battalions. The 145th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.E. Forbes (73rd Northumberland Regiment), with a strength of 19 officers and 524 other ranks. In January 1917 the 145th Battalion

amalgamated with other New Brunswick units in England to form the 13th Reserve Battalion. The 145th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 145th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 832001 - 835000.

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

Pointed maple leaf, wide figures in numeral '145,' the motto ribbons plain.

Other ranks



645-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

645-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Example with original finish removed



Shoulder strap numerals

645-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



645-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

Officers



645-11-108 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

645-12-108 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Sweetheart (?)



645-12-110 Collar Silver plate. Pin fastener

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Blunt maple leaf, narrow figures in numeral '145' the motto ribbons framed.

Other ranks

645-11-112 Cap Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

645-12-112 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers

645-11-114 Cap Wm overlay on brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

645-12-114 Collar Wm overlay on brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 145th Battalion embarked for England September 27th where in January 1917 amalgamated with other New Brunswick units in England to form the 13th Reserve Battalion.

146th 'Frontenac' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 146th Battalion was recruited in Eastern Ontario with mobilization headquarters at Kingston under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 47th Frontenac Regiment this regiment previously having contributed 49 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. being reorganized as the 12th Reserve Battalion in January 1917. The 146th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 146th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 835001 - 838000.

Cap badge attributed to F.W. Coates

Cap badge with four dots on the annulus.



646-11-102 Cap Cast with pickled finish. Semi flat back. Lug fasteners. Not marked

Shoulder strap numerals



646-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



646-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



646-14-108 Numeral Copper. With serifs and crossed crosslet on the numeral '4' Not maker marked

Officers collar by unidentified maker



646-12-110 Collar Silver numeral on gilt. Reverse detail unknown.

Badges by Kinnear and D'Esterre.

Cap badge without dots on the annulus.

Other ranks.



646-11-112 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

646-12-112 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

NCOs/Bandsmen (?)

646-11-114 Cap Wm. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Kinnear and D'Esterre'



646-12-114 Collar Wm. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Kinnear and D'Esterre'

Officers

646-11-116 Cap Silver. Voided. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Kinnear and D'Esterre' & Sterling



646-12-116 Collar Silver. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Kinnear and D'Esterre' & Sterling

Badges by Hemsley

Cap badge with four dots on the annulus.



646-11-118	Cap	Brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
646-12-118	Collar	Brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
646-11-120	Cap	Pickled finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
646-12-120	Collar	2 part. Pickled finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
646-11-122	Cap	Pickled with silver overlay gilt numerals. Lug fasteners. Not marked.
646-12-122	Collar	Pickled with silver overlay gilt numerals. Lug fasteners. Not marked.

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Only collar badges reported these not voided, CANADA framed.



646-12-124	Collar	Brown finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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The 146th Battalion embarked for England September 9th 1916 where it was almost immediately absorbed by the 12th Reserve Battalion, Training and Reserve.

147th 'Grey County' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 147th (Grey) Battalion was recruited in Grey County Ontario with mobilization Headquarters at Owen Sound under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 31st Grey Regiment this previously having contributed 83 volunteers to the 15th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The regiment later raised the 248th Battalion. The 147th Battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel G.F. McFarland (31st Grey Regiment), with a strength of 32 officers and 910 other ranks where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario battalions in England to form the 8th Reserve Battalion. The 147th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 147th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 838001 - 841000.

The 147th Battalion had both a brass band of 26 musicians, and a bugle band of 23.

Badges by P.W.Ellis

Other ranks



647-11-102 Cap

Coppered finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros 1916'



647-12-102 Collar

Coppered finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



647-11-104 Cap

Coppered finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros 1916'



647-12-104 Collar Coppered finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'



647-14-104 Title Coppered finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'

Shoulder strap numerals

647-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)



647-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

Officers



647-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

647-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Bandsman (?)

647-11-112 Cap Gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'

647-12-112 Collar Gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'

Badges attributed to Birks

Other ranks



647-11-114 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers



647-11-116 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Other ranks

647-11-118 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Tiptaft'



647-12-118 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Tiptaft'



647-14-118 Title Brown finish. Marked 'Tiptaft'

Officers



647-11-120 Cap Pickled finish Pin back. Not maker marked



647-12-120 Collar Brown finish. Pin fastener

EATON'S STORES 'SWEETHEART' BADGE

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 size badges as souvenir pieces, mostly fitted with pin fasteners but occasionally with lugs. These are believed to have been produced by Caron Bros. Montreal. Geo. H. Hemsley also offered cap and collar badges sets as souvenirs these offered in a variety of finishes not necessarily those worn by the battalion.

647-11-122 Cap size 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

647-11-124 Cap size 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not marked

The 147th Battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario battalions in England to form the 8th Reserve Battalion.

148th 'McGill' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 148th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in the Montreal area November 26th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Montreal under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion being raised primarily from students, faculty and ex students of McGill University. The 148th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A. Magee (Major

McGill COTC), with a strength of 32 officers and 953 OR's where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Quebec battalions to form the 20th Reserve Battalion, this the reinforcing battalion for the 13th, 42nd and 73rd (Black Watch) battalions then all serving on the Western Front. The 148th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 148th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 841001 - 844000.

Badges by G.F. Hemsley

No dots separate the legend, the large figure '1' in the numeral '148' is pointed.

Other ranks



648-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



648-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

648-14-102 Title Natural brass. Large size '148/CANADA'. Lug fasteners.

Shoulder strap numerals

648-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)

648-14-104 Numeral Brown finish 148. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

Officers



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| 648-11-106 | Cap | Applied dark brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 648-12-106 | Collar | Applied dark brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 648-11-108 | Cap | Pickled with silver overlay. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 648-12-108 | Collar | Pickled with silver overlay. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

Badges by Birks

Two dots separate the legend, with plain large figure '1' in the numeral '148'.



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| 648-11-110 | Cap | Pickled finish. Flat back. Voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks' |
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| 648-12-110 | Collar | Pickled finish. Flat back. N/S lugs. Marked Birks 1916 |
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Officers



648-11-112 Cap Brown finish. Voided. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Birks'



648-12-112 Collar Brown finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Birks

648-12-114 Collar Brown finish. Flat back. Voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

648-11-116 Cap Dull gilt. Voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



648-12-116 Collar Dull gilt. Voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



648-14-116 Title Natural brass. Lug fasteners.

Sweetheart

648-12-118 Collar Sterling silver. Voided. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Birks Sterling'

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

No dots separate the legend, with small pointed figure '1' in the numeral '148'.

Other ranks

648-11-120 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

The 148th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Quebec battalions to form the 20th Reserve Battalion.

Recruiting posters



149th 'Lambton' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 149th (Lambton) Battalion was recruited in Lambton County November 26th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Watford under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 27th Lambton Regiment (The St. Clair Borderers) this previously having contributed 136 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 149th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 with 18 officers and 439 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.W. Mac Vicar (33rd Huron Regiment), where it was absorbed into the 4th and 25th Reserve Battalions. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 149th Battalion was disbanded effective April 11th 1918 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 149th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 844001 - 847000.

Interim pattern badges

Interim pattern badges were produced for the 149th Battalion. White metal numeral attached to a 'Wellings' pattern General Service maple leaf pattern cap badge. Matching collar badges are not reported but likely were produced. Most of the known genuine 'interim' badges were worn by battalions raised in Military District No.1.

649-11-102 Cap Brass numeral '149' on Wellings GS maple leaf badge. Not marked

642-13-102 Collar Brass numeral '149' on 'Lees 1915' GS maple leaf badge.

649-14-102 Title Natural brass. '149' over voided 'CANADA'

Badges by R.J. Inglis. Limitad

Other ranks



649-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



649-13-104 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

649-14-104 Title Pickled finish. Solid '149/CANADA'.

Shoulder strap numerals

649-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal 149. By Caron Bros. (not reported).



649-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 149. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

Officers

649-11-110 Cap Pickled with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

649-12-110 Collar Pickled with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



649-11-112 Cap

Brown OSD. Maker marked Inglis Limited

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.

649-11-114 'Sweetheart' . Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

649-11-116 'Sweetheart' . Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

The 149th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 where it was absorbed into the 4th and 25th Reserve Battalions.

150th '65th Carabiniers Mont-Royal' Bn., 5th Div. 1915- 1917

The 150th (Carabiniers Mont-Royal) Battalion was recruited and mobilized under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 at Montreal by the 65th Regiment Carabiniers Mont-Royal this regiment having previously provided 337 volunteers to the 14th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The regiment later raised the 69th Battalion. The 150th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Barre (65th Carabiniers Mont-Royal), with a strength of 24 officers and 515 other ranks where in February 1917 was assigned as one of the battalions for to the 14th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division then in formation in England. 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 units in the field and the remainder were absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 150th Battalion was absorbed into the 10th Reserve Battalion, the reinforcing battalion for the 22nd Battalion serving on the Western Front being disbanded November 29th 1918 under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 150th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 847001 - 850000.

Badges by G.F. Hemsley.

Other ranks



650-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



650-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

NCOs

650-13-104 Collar Pickled finish. Pin Lug fastener. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals and title

650-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked

650-14-108 Numeral 'Birks 1916' (Not currently reported)



650-14-110 Title Caron numeral '150' braised on Canada title

Officers



650-11-110 Cap Oxidized. OSD. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

650-12-110 Collar Oxidized. OSD. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

650-11-112 Cap Silver overlays on pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



650-12-112 Collar

Silver wash on pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

OVERSEAS

Formation patches

The authorized 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour and worn without brigade distinctions. It is reported that the authorized officer patterns were embroidered with an angular gold 'bullion' wire letter 'C' inset with five bars however no examples have ever been confirmed. 5th Divisional signs are only noted painted on the Brodie helmet and are known to have been painted in white on the 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.



Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Other ranks

Curved 'Canada' ribbon. Collar badges with motto ribbons formed



650-11-114 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



650-12-116 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

650-14-118 Title Natural brass. Voided CANADA

Officers

White metal overlays on the numerals and motto ribbon only.

650-11-120 Cap Wm. overlays on bronze finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

650-12-120 Collar Wm. overlays on bronze finish. Voided. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

65th Carabiniers Mont-Royal Reinforcing Draft

A fourth Company was raised for the 150th Battalion by the 65th Carabiniers Mont-Royal with regimental numbers block 2,002001 -2,002500. Some personnel arrived in England Oct 17th 1917 being assigned to the 18th Reserve Brigade before proceeding to France,

RECRUITING POSTERS

