

### 151st 'Central Alberta' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 151st (Central Alberta) Battalion was recruited with headquarters at Camp Sarcee, at that time just outside the city limits of Calgary, under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 21st Alberta Hussars and the 23rd Alberta Rangers these regiments previously having jointly contributed 78 volunteers to the 6th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 later provided volunteers to the 113th, 175th and 187th Battalions. The 151st Battalion embarked for England October 14th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.W. Arnott ( 49th Regiment, Honourary rank), with a strength of 29 officers and 925 other ranks where almost immediately after its arrival was split into drafts one being absorbed by the 9th Battalion, Training and Reserve another to the 11th Battalion, Training and Reserve, the remained personnel being absorbed into the 21st Reserve Battalion on its formation in January 1917. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 151st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded September 15th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 151st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 624001 - 627000.

The 151st Battalion had a brass band with 36 Bandsmen.

#### 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.

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|------------|--------|---|
| 651-11-102 | Cap    | Brown finished brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 651-12-102 | Collar | Brown finished brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
| 651-12-104 | Collar | Gilt. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked                 |

In addition to the badges above there are a number of distinct varieties in the badges of the 151st Battalion. The badges were ordered through Jackson Bros., a jewelry company located in Alberta but struck by Roden Bros. Toronto. The Jackson badges were all struck from a single obverse die on thick planchettes, giving the badges a nice 'solid' feel.

#### Badges by Jackson Bros (Struck by Roden Bros)

First pattern badges with 'unapproved' 'CENTRAL ALBERTA CANADA' legend, collar badges 25mm.

#### Other ranks



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|------------|-----|--|
| 651-11-106 | Cap | Brown finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.' |
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651-12-106 Collar Brown finish. N/S Brass wire lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.'

### NCOs(?)

651-11-108 Cap Pickled finish. Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked

651-12-108 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Flat cut metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and titles

Made up titles with numerals braised to "INF" and voided 'CANADA' titles exist for a number of CEF battalions. Most of these for infantry battalions raised from the prairies provinces. Three different patterns of 'made up' shoulder titles are noted for the 151st Battalion.

651-14-110 Numeral Gilding metal 151. By Caron Bros. (not reported)



651-14-112 Numeral Brown finish 151. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

651-14-114 Title Gilding metal. Caron Bros numeral '153' braised to CANADA' title

651-14-116 Title Cut sheet brass 151/INF/CANADA. Unit made. Lug fasteners

### Officers



651-11-118 Collar Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.'



651-12-118 Collar Brown OSD finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.'

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|------------|--------|--|
| 651-11-120 | Cap    | Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.' |
| 651-12-120 | Collar | Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.' |

### Counterfeit (UK 2018)



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|------------|-----|---|
| 651-11-134 | Cap | Pressure cast silver. Note the blurred detail |
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### Second pattern badges

'CENTRAL ALBERTA BATTALION' legend. Collar badges 31mm.

### Other ranks



- |            |        |  |
|------------|--------|--|
| 651-11-122 | Cap    | Pickled finish. Flat cut sheet metal lug fasteners. Marked 'Jackson Bros.'     |
| 651-12-122 | Collar | Pickled finish. E/W Flat cut sheet metal lug fasteners. Marked 'Jackson Bros.' |

### Third pattern collar badges 28mm

'CENTRAL ALBERTA BATTALION' legend with 'CANADA' below the beaver.

### Other ranks



651-12-124 Collar Pickled finish. E/W Flat cut sheet metal lug fasteners. Marked 'Jackson Bros.'

### **Bandsman(?)**

651-11-126 Cap Silver. (Reported not confirmed)



651-12-126 Collar Silver plate. Lug fasteners marked Jackson Bros

### **Officers**

651-11-128 Cap Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.'



651-12-128 Collar Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros.'

### **OVERSEAS**

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

Only collar size (26mm) badges produced. Officers are mounted on a Tiptaft 'RCR' star. This issue of badges has framed 'CANADA' added below the beaver.

### **Officers**



651-11-130 Cap Brown OSD collar on Tiptaft RCR star. Plain or maker marked 'Tiptaft'



651-12-130 Collar Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 151st Battalion embarked for England October 14th 1916 where almost immediately after its arrival was split into drafts one being absorbed by the 9th Battalion, Training and Reserve another to the 11th Battalion, Training and Reserve, the remained personnel being absorbed into the 21st Reserve Battalion on its formation in January 1917.**

#### **152nd 'Weyburn - Estevan' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915 - 1916**

The 152nd (Weyburn) Battalion was recruited with headquarters at Weyburn under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 95th Saskatchewan Rifles and the 20th Border Horse this regiment having previously contributed 123 volunteers to the 6th Battalion CEF on its formation at Camp Valcartier. The 152nd Battalion sailed for England October 4th 1916 with 29 Officers and 743 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel S.B. Nelles (95th Saskatchewan Rifles), where the battalion was almost immediately absorbed into the 32nd Battalion, Training and Reserve, this being reorganized as the 15th Reserve Battalion in January 1917. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 152nd Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 152nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 925001 - 928000.

#### **Badges by Roden Bros. Toronto.**

Narrow figures in the numeral '152'.

#### **Other ranks**



652-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Flat cut sheet copper lugs. Marked 'Rodén Bros.'



652-12-102 Collar Brown finish 28mm. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Rodén Bros.'

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

652-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros (Not reported)

652-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### **Officers**

652-11-108 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Rodén Bros.'



652-12-108 Collar Silver plate 28mm. N/S Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Rodén Bros.'

652-11-110 Cap Gilt on brown. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Rodén Bros.'

652-12-110 Collar Gilt on brown. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Rodén Bros.'

### **OVERSEAS**

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

#### **Other ranks**

652-12-112 Collar

Brown finish 33mm. Flat back. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 152nd Battalion sailed for England October 4th 1916 where the battalion was almost immediately absorbed into the 32nd Battalion, Training and Reserve,**

#### **153rd 'Wellington County' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1915-1917**

The 153rd (Wellington) Battalion was recruited in Wellington County with mobilization headquarters at Guelph under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 30th Wellington Rifles this previously having provided 61 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 153rd Battalion embarked for England April 29th 1917 with a strength of 17 officers and 511 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel R.T. Pritchard (30th Wellington Rifles), where the 153rd Battalion was absorbed into the 25th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 153rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 153rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 928001 - 931000.

#### **Badges by P.W.Ellis**

##### **Other ranks**



653-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Flat Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co Ltd'



653-12-102 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Plain or marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co Ltd'

#### **Shoulder strap numerals and titles**

653-15-104 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked



653-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



653-14-108 Title Gilding metal 153/CANADA. Caron Bros numeral '153' braised to CANADA' title

653-14-110 Title Gilding metal 153/CANADA. Birks numeral '153' braised to CANADA' title

### Officers



653-11-112 Cap Red/Brown OSD. E/W Lug fasteners

653-12-112 Collar Red/Brown OSD. N/S Lug fasteners.

653-11-114 Cap Brown with silver numerals. Flat Lug fasteners. Marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co Ltd'



653-12-114 Collar Brown with silver numerals. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



653-14-114 Title Brown. 153/CANADA. Small '153' with upper and lower bars

**The 153rd Battalion embarked for England April 29th where the 153rd Battalion was absorbed into the 25th Reserve Battalion.**

### **154th 'Storemont & Glengarry Highlanders' (Reserve) Bn. 1915 - 1917**

The 154th (Storemont and Glengarry Highlanders) Battalion was recruited in the three Eastern Ontario counties of Storemont, Dundas and Glengarry with mobilization headquarters at Cornwall, Ontario under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 154th Battalion was raised by the 59th Dundas and Glengarry Regiment this regiment previously having provided 67 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 the regiment also providing volunteers to most of the infantry battalions raised in Eastern Ontario. The 154th Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.G.F. McDonald (59th Storemont and Glengarry Regiment), with a strength of 29 officers and 872 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other battalions raised in Eastern Ontario to form the 6th Reserve Battalion. The 154th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 154th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 633001 - 636000.

#### **154th Battalion Pipes and Drums**



#### **154th Battalion Bugle Band**



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

## Other ranks



654-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

654-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## Shoulder strap numerals

654-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked

654-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not confirmed)

## Officers. Service dress

654-11-108 Cap Brown OSD with wm overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

654-12-108 Collar Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

654-11-110 Cap Silver overlay, gilt numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not marked

654-12-110 Collar Silver overlay, gilt numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not marked

## Hemsley souvenir badge

The pickled finish badges are believed to be private purchase souvenirs



654-11-112 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

654-12-112 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

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

Pin back collar size sweetheart pins in sterling silver are known and other ranks collar badges are reported but currently are not positively confirmed.

654-11-114 Cap Reported but not confirmed

654-12-114 Collar Reported but not confirmed

654-12-116 Collar 'Sweetheart' pin in silver

### 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.



654-11-130 Cap size . Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not marked

654-11-132 Cap size Gilt. Silver centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 154th Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other battalions raised in Eastern Ontario to form the 6th Reserve Battalion.**

### Recruiting Poster



### 155th 'Quinte' (Reserve) Battalion 195 - 197

The 155th (Quinte) Battalion was recruited in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties of Ontario with mobilization headquarters at Barriefield (near Kingston) under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 15th Argyll Light Infantry, with additional volunteers from the 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles, the 16th Prince Edward Regiment and the 49th Hastings Rifles. The battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 with 29 officers and 826 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel M.K. Adams (16th Prince Edward Regiment), where in January 1917 amalgamated with other battalions raised in Eastern Ontario to form the 6th Reserve Battalion. The 155th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 155th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 636001 - 639000.

### Badges by G.F. Hemsley

Cap badges with six dots separating the legend on the annulus the collar badges with four.

#### Other ranks



655-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



655-12-102 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### NCOs

655-11-104 Cap

Pickled finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

655-12-104 Collar

Pickled finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Shoulder strap numerals



655-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked



655-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 155. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### **Bandsman(?)**

655-11-110 Cap Gilt.



655-12-110 Collar Gilt. (Example with finish polished off obverse) Lug fasteners.

### **Officers**

655-11-112 Cap Brown with wm overlay. Lug fasteners.

655-12-112 Collar Brown with wm overlay. Lug fasteners.

655-11-114 Cap Silver overlay, gilt numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not marked

655-12-114 Collar Silver overlay, gilt numerals on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not marked

### **OVERSEAS**

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

Cap badges with large 'CANADA'. Collar badges are none voided with framed motto ribbons

### **Other ranks**



655-11-116 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



655-12-116 Collar Brown finish. None voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Eaton's Stores 'Sweetheart' badges**

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655-11-120 Cap size Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

655-11-122 Cap size Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other battalions raised in Eastern Ontario to form the 6th Reserve Battalion.**

### **156th (Leeds & Grenville) Battalion, 5th Division**

The 156th (Leeds and Grenville) Battalion was recruited in the Counties of Leeds and Grenville with mobilization headquarters at Brockville under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915 by the 41st Brockville Rifles this regiment previously having provided 83 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 156th Battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel T.C.D. Bedell (56th Grenville Rifles), with a strength of 28 officers and 778 other ranks. In February 1917 it was assigned 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 156th Battalion was absorbed into the 6th Reserve Battalion the reinforcing Battalion for the Eastern Ontario Regiment supplying reinforcements to the 2nd, 21st and 38th Infantry Battalions and the PPCLI serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front being disbanded under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 156th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 639001 - 642000.

### **Badges by G.F. Hemsley (Die 1)**

'CANADA' with flat top. The collar badges do not face.

### **Other ranks**



656-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



656-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Shoulder strap numerals



656-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal 156. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked

656-14-106 Numeral Brown finish 156. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

#### Officers



656-11-108 Cap Red/brown OSD finish. Flat lug fasteners. Not maker marked

656-12-108 Collar Red/brown OSD finish. Flat lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Officers (?) Possibly late war private souvenir purchase



656-11-110 Cap

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



656-12-110 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**Sweetheart (?)**



656-12-112 Collar

Silver. Pin fastener

(Please see below for counterfeits of these collar badges.)

**Counterfeit (UK 2018)**

**Officers (Die 2)**

Curved CANADA.



656-11-116 Cap

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



656-12-116 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



656-14-116 Title

Pickled finish. Flat back. Not marked

656-11-118 Cap

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



656-12-118 Collar

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Formation patches

The 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour and worn without brigade distinctions. Officers patterns were embroidered with an angular gold 'bullion' wire letter 'C' inset with five bars. 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.

Non voided. The collar badges do not face.

### Other ranks



656-11-120 Cap Natural gilding metal finish. Voided. Lug fasteners.

656-12-120 Collar Natural gilding metal finish. Voided. Lug fasteners.

### Officers



656-11-122 Cap Blackened/pickled. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

656-12-122 Collar Blackened/pickled. Voided. 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.

656-11-124 Cap size Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

656-11-126 Cap size . Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### 41st Brockville Rifles Reinforcing Draft

The additional reinforcing drafts for the 156th Battalion was allotted the regimental block numbers 2,255301 - 2,260300.

The 41st Brockville Rifles reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920. Other ranks pickled regimental cap/collar badges with red felt backing cloth by P.W.Ellis & Co. Ltd. Not maker marked. Officers patterns in red/brown OSD finish.

#### **56th Regiment (Lisgar Rifles) reinforcing Draft**

The 56th Regiment Lisgar Rifles reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

**The 156th Battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 where in February 1917 it was assigned to the 14th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division then in formation in England. In February 1918 the 5th Division was declared moribund and disbanded and its battalions used as reinforcements.**

#### **Counterfeit badges**

The collar badges pictured below are counterfeits these offered for sale on the United Kingdom eBay site. Note the lack of sharpness and blurred detail, 'off metals' and extra metal around the design this not found on the original die struck example.



656-12-128 Collar

Pressure cast brass.



656-12-130 Collar

Pressure cast silver.

#### **157th 'Simcoe Foresters' (Reserve) Battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 157th (Simcoe Foresters) Battalion CEF was raised in Simcoe County November 30th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Barrie under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 35th Simcoe Foresters this regiment previously having provided 124 volunteers to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 the regiment also raised the 177th Battalion. The 157th Battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 with 32 officers and 966 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel D.H. MacLaren where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 8th Reserve. The 157th Battalion was disbanded September 1st September 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 157th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 642001 - 645000.

Volunteers started to be attested into the two Simcoe Forester battalions, the 157th Battalion in February

1916 and the 177th Battalion in January 1916, both battalions adopting interim pattern badges. The OC of the 157th Battalion submitted the design for the proposed design of battalion badges to Militia Headquarters in Ottawa May 12th 1916. (Inadvertently bypassing the proper chain of command through the A.G.G. and Q.M.G. MD.2). The officers badges are described as a “bronze circle and crown with oxidized silver leaf placed thereon, with the numbers 157 and Simcoe Foresters on the leaf, as shown. The men’s badges are of similar design, but made of bronze throughout.”.

### Interim badges

#### Other ranks



657-11-104 Cap

Individual brass numbers ‘157’ on GS maple leaf badge. (Photo B/W)



657-11-106 Cap

White metal overlay pinned on Ellis & Co 1914 GS maple leaf

#### Badges by P.W. Ellis.

Flat badge on which the tip of the maple leaf overlaps the band of the Tudor crown. The other ranks badges were originally issued with a pickled finish.

#### Other ranks



657-11-110 Cap

Natural gilding metal. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



657-12-110 Collar Natural gilding metal. N/S flat lug fasteners. Marked 'P.W. Ellis Co 1916'

### Shoulder strap numerals



657-14-112 Numeral Gilding metal marked Caron Bros. 1915



657-14-114 Numeral Brown finish 157. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### Officers



657-11-116 Cap Red/Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



657-12-116 Collar Red/Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'P.W. Ellis Co 1916'

657-11-118 Cap Pickled with silver overlay on leaf and '157'. Not maker marked



657-12-118 Collar Pickled with silver overlay. Pin back. Not maker marked

657-14-118 Numeral White metal or silver. (Reported not confirmed)

### Badges by Inglis

Domed badge on which the tip of the maple leaf does not overlap the band of the Tudor crown.

### Other ranks



657-11-120 Cap Brown finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

657-12-120 Collar Brown finish. Solid. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

657-11-122 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'R.J. Inglis Limited'

657-11-124 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Not maker marked

657-12-124 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Not maker marked

### Badges by J.W. Tiptaft

### Other ranks

657-12-126 Collar Gilding metal. Flat back. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Tiptaft B'ham'

### Sweetheart Badges (Attributed to D.A Reesor)

Badges with 'Duty First' motto ribbon. Similar cap badges are known for the 21st, 122nd, and 177th Battalions. These badges have a centre piece welded over an 91st Elgin Battalion cap badge. Some of these having lower numbers than the date of the formation of the 91st Battalion proves these can not be battalion issued badges.

657-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. White metal centre Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 157th Battalion embarked for England October 18th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 8th Reserve.**

#### **158th (Duke of Connaught's Own' (Reserve) Bn. 1915 - 1917**

The 158th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Battalion CEF was recruited in Vancouver November 30th 1915 under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 6th Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) the regiment having previously provided 353 volunteers to the 7th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 later recruiting the 62nd Battalion. The 158th Battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 with 31 officers and 966 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel C. Milne (6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles), where in January 1917 it amalgamated with a number of other CEF Battalions raised in BC and then in England to form the 1st Reserve Battalion. The 158th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 27th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 158th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 645001 - 648000.

#### **Badges by O.B. Allan**

##### **Other ranks**



658-11-102 Cap

Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'



658-12-102 Collar

Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'



658-14-102 Title Dark brown. Tang fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allen'

### NCOs/Officers?



658-11-104 Cap Blackened/brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



658-12-104 Collar Blackened/brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

658-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)



658-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### Officers

658-11-112 Cap Silver plate. Pin fastener. Plain or maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

658-12-112 Collar Silver plate. Pin fastener. Plain or maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### Collar size badges in gilt finish are probably sweetheart pins

658-12-114 Collar size Gilt. Voided. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### Miniature badges by Birks

658-12-116 Cap Brown finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

658-12-116 Collar

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

## OVERSEAS

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

Large coronet framed motto ribbons. Flat back.

### Other ranks



658-12-118 Collar

Dark brown. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

658-14-118 Title

Dark brown. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 158th Battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with a number of other CEF Battalions raised in BC and then in England to form the 1st Reserve Battalion**

### 159th '1st Algonquin' (Reserve) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 159th (1st Algonquin) Battalion was recruited with mobilization headquarters located at Haileybury in the areas of Nipissing and Sudbury in Northern Ontario December 1st 1915 being authorized under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 97th Algonquin Rifles this previously having provided 263 volunteers to the 15th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 the regiment later raised the 228th and 256th Battalions. The 159th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel E.F. Armstrong (97th Algonquin Rifles), with a strength of 32 officers and 972 OR's where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 8th Reserve Battalion. The 158th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 27th 1917 under General Order 89 of September 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 159th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 648001 - 651000.

The 159th Battalion had a brass band with 23 bandsmen and a bugle band of 30.

### Badges by P.W. Ellis.

The figure '9' in the numeral '159' is closed with fine veins on the maple leaf wreath.



659-11-102 Cap Antique copper finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co Toronto'



659-12-102 Collar Antique copper finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

659-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.

659-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### **Officers**

659-11-108 Cap Silver numerals on brown finish. Lug fasteners.



659-12-108 Collar Silver numerals on brown finish. N/S Lugs. Marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co 1916'

### **Officers**



- 659-11-110 Cap Silver. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W. Ellis & Co Toronto'
- 659-12-110 Collar Sterling silver. Flat back. Pin fasteners. Marked '.925'

### OVERSEAS

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

The figure '9' in the numeral '159' is open with coarse veins on the maple leaf wreath.

#### Other ranks



- 659-11-112 Cap Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft
- 659-12-112 Collar Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 159th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 8th Reserve Battalion.**

#### 160th 'Bruce' Battalion, 5th Division

The 160th (Bruce) battalion was recruited in Bruce County December 2nd 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Walkerton under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 32nd Bruce Regiment this previously having provided 72 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The motto of the 160th Battalion was Amor Patria (Love of Fatherland) this found below the numeral on the collar badges.) The 160th Battalion embarked for England October 17th 1916 with 31 officers and 978 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A. Weir (2nd Infantry Brigade), where in February 1917 it was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division. 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 160th Battalion was absorbed into the 4th Reserve Battalion this the reinforcing battalion for the Western Ontario Regiment, providing reinforcements to the 1st, 18th and 47th Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 160th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective November 29th 1918 under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 160th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 651001 - 654000.

### Officers interim badge



660-11-102 Cap

Wm numerals overlaid on 146th Battalion cap badge.

### Badges by G.F. Hemsley Montreal.

Pointed maple leaf, closed figure '6' in numeral '160'

### Other ranks



660-11-104 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-104 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs



660-11-106 Cap

Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



660-12-106 Collar

Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and titles

Although manufactured the use of the cloth title was denied by Ottawa June 2nd 1916 stating "design does not have the word 'CANADA'"



660-22-108 Cloth Title

White lettering woven on red worsted

660-14-110 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked



660-14-112 Numeral

Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

660-14-114 Title

Natural gilding metal finish 160/CANADA

### Hemsley souvenir private purchase

In late 1916 or early in 1917 George F. Hemsley produced an undated catalogue of 'Canadian Overseas

Regimental Badges'. This interesting catalogue illustrates many examples of cap and collars that the company had produced for various battalions of the CEF. The facing pages contained a message about the various products available and on the opposite page six illustrations usually of three cap badges with the matching collar badge. These available for purchase as souvenirs. From the information pages it can be determined that all of the majority of these 'souvenir' badges were issued with a pickled finish. This not necessarily the finish on the original battalion issued badges. The vast majority of these badges are encountered in mint un-issued condition unlike those worn in the field.



660-11-116 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-116 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



660-11-118 Cap

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

660-12-118 Collar

Silver overlay on pickled finish. Flat back. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not marked

660-11-120 Cap

Brown OSD finish. Non voided. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-120 Collar Brown OSD finish. Non voided. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Bandsman(?)**

660-11-122 Cap Silver. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-122 Collar Silver. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Sweetheart(?)**

660-11-124 Cap Gilt and enamels

## **OVERSEAS**

### **Formation patches**

The other ranks 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour and worn without brigade distinctions. Officers patterns were embroidered with an angular gold 'bullion' wire letter 'C' inset with five bars. 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. (All ranks)**

Blunt maple leaf, open figure '6' in numeral '160'



660-11-126 Cap

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners.



660-12-126 Collar

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners.

### **32nd Bruce Regiment Reinforcing Draft**

A 32nd Bruce Regiment reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920. The regimental numbers block was 2,463301 - 2,468300.

### **161st 'Huron County' Battalion, 5th Division 1915 - 1918**

The 161st (Huron) Battalion was recruited in Huron County on December 2nd 1915 but with mobilization headquarters at London, Ontario under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 33rd Huron Regiment this regiment previously having provided 68 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H.B. Combe (33rd Huron Regiment), with a strength of 28 officers and 749 OR's where it February 1917 was assigned to the 14th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division. 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 161st Battalion was absorbed into the 4th Reserve Battalion. The 161st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 161st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 654001 - 657000.



Seven button tunics and regimental cap badges but no collar badges being worn.

### Badges by R.G. Hemsley



661-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

661-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs



661-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and title

661-14-106	Numeral	Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked
661-14-108	Numeral	Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'
661-14-110	Numeral	Gilding metal. Maker marked, P.W. Ellis (serifs on the '1s')
661-14-112	Title	Natural gilding metal finish 161 braised over voided 'CANADA'.

### Officers



661-11-114	Cap	Red brown finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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661-12-114	Collar	Brown finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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661-12-116	Collar	Blackened finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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661-11-118 Cap

Silver wash on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



661-12-118 Collar

Silver wash on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

### Formation patches

The 5th Division formation patches were Garnet (Deep wine red) in colour and worn without brigade distinctions. Authorized Officers patterns were embroidered with an angular gold 'bullion' wire letter 'C' inset with five bars however no examples are currently reported. 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.

Blunt maple leaf framed motto ribbons'

661-11-120 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

661-12-120 Collar

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

### 162nd 'Parry Sound' (Pioneers) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 162nd (Parry Sound) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Parry Sound December 2nd 1915 under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 23rd Northern Pioneers this regiment previously having provided 152 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later volunteers to the 122nd Battalion. The 162nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Arthurs (Honoury rank), with a strength of 30 officers and 766 OR's. In January 1917 the battalion was broken up and the personnel assigned to the 3rd and 4th Pioneer battalions via the 4th and 3rd Reserve Battalions. The 162 Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 162nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 657001 - 660000.

The 162nd Battalion had a brass band with 25 bandsmen and a bugle band of 11.

### Other ranks Badges by Roden Bros. Toronto.



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|------------|--------|--|
| 662-11-102 | Cap    | Brown finish Lug fasteners. Not maker marked     |
| 662-13-102 | Collar | Brown finish N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

### Shoulder strap numerals



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|------------|---------|---|
| 662-14-104 | Numeral | Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked    |
| 662-14-106 | Numeral | Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'           |
| 662-14-108 | Numeral | Unit made. Brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

### Officers

- |            |        |   |
|------------|--------|---|
| 662-11-110 | Cap    | Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked     |
| 662-12-110 | Collar | Silver plate. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

Badges in sterling silver are also reported but not currently confirmed.

**The 162nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 where in January 1917 the battalion was broken up and the personnel assigned to the 3rd and 4th Pioneer battalions via the 4th and 3rd Reserve Battalions.**

### 163rd 'Canadiens Francais' (Reserve) Battalion 1915- 1917

The 163rd (Canadiens Francais) Battalion was recruited in the Province of Quebec December 10th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Montreal under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 54th Regiment Carabiniers de Sherbrooke this regiment previously having provided 113 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 163rd Battalion embarked for Bermuda on May 24th 1916 in relief of the 38th Battalion which had been serving on Garrison Duty since 1915. The 163rd Battalion returned to Canada prior to embarking for England on November 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Des Rosiers (65th Carabiniers Mont-Royal), with a strength of 38 officers and 822 OR's. In January 1917 the 163rd Battalion merged with the 41st, 57th, 69th Battalions to form the 10th Reserve Battalion this under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Des Rosiers. This serving as the reinforcing battalion for the 22nd Battalion the only French speaking battalion of the 48 serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 163rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 163rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 660001 - 663000.

### Badges by E.V. Lamontagne Limitee

#### Other ranks



663-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Lamontagne Limitee'



663-12-102 Collar

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Lamontagne Limitee'



663-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked '

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

663-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)

663-14-106 Numeral Brown finish 163. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### **Officers**



663-11-108 Cap Silver with red cloth insert. Maker marked 'E.V. Lamontagne Limitee''



663-12-108 Collar Blackened finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

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

These attractive badges have a red cloth backed card backing mounted behind the voided portion of the badge. These held in place with small 'fold over' tangs fasteners.

663-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Red backing cloth. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

663-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Red backing cloth. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Officers**

663-11-112 Cap Applied brown finish. Red backing cloth. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

663-12-112 Collar Applied brown finish. Red backing cloth. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

663-11-114 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

663-12-114 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Bandsman (?)**

663-11-116 Cap Gilt overlay on copper finish. Lug fasteners

### **OVERSEAS**

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son. Ltd. Motto ribbons framed

### Other ranks



663-11-118 Cap Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

663-12-118 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. (not reported)

**The 163rd Battalion returned to Canada prior to embarking for England on November 27th 1916 where in January 1917 merged with the 41st, 57th, 69th Battalions to form the 10th Reserve Battalion**