

### 164th 'Halton & Dufferin' (Battalion) 5th Div. 1915 - 1918

The 164th (Halton and Dufferin Battalion) was recruited with headquarters at Orangeville December 10th 1915 under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 20th Halton Rifles and 36th Peel Regiment these previously having contributed 171 and 230 volunteers respectively to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. These also provided volunteers to the 37th, 74th, 76th, 126th and 234th Battalions. The 164th Battalion embarked for England April 11th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel P. Domville (13th Royal Regiment), with a strength of 26 officers and 710 OR's. Between February 1917 and May 13th 1917 the 164th Battalion was attached to the 13th Brigade, 5th Canadian Division but in May 1918 was detached and absorbed into the 8th Reserve Battalion this the reinforcing battalion of the 2nd Central Ontario Regiment providing reinforcements to the 54th, 58th, 102nd and 116th Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front being disbanded November 29th 1918 under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 164th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 663001 - 666000.

The 164th Battalion had a brass band with 16 bandsmen and a bugle band of 32.

### Badges by George H. Lees & Co.

First issue badges with large beaver and wide figures in the numeral '164'. Two different dies were used to produce the collar badges one being slightly smaller and narrower.

### Other ranks



664-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Ghost naming Geo H Lees 1915



664-12-102 Collar Original finish polished off. Maker marked Geo H Lees 1915

### Bandsman(?)

664-11-104 Cap Gilt lacquer finish.



664-12-104 Collar Gilt lacquer. Pin fastener. Maker marked Geo H Lees 1915

### Second issue

664-11-106 Cap Chocolate Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co 1916'



664-12-106 Collar Chocolate Brown finish. N/S Lugs. Marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co 1916'

### Shoulder strap numerals and title



664-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 164. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



664-14-110 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

The 164th Battalion adopted an unauthorized shoulder title this apparently withdrawn after samples were submitted to Ottawa May 1st 1916.

664-14-112 Title Withdrawn. Details unknown

### Officers

664-11-114 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

664-12-114 Collar Silver plate. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Sweetheart



664-12-116 Collar

Gilt. Pin back. Marked Ellis Bros Ltd

## 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.

With small beaver and narrow figures in the numeral '164', wide pattern collars patterns.

### Other ranks



664-11-118 Cap

Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners.



664-12-118 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **165th 'French Acadian' (Forestry) Battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 165th (French Acadian) Battalion was recruited in the maritime provinces from French speaking Acadians with mobilization headquarters at Moncton, New Brunswick 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 later raising the 132nd Battalion. The 165th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel L.C. Daigle (Honoury rank), with a strength of 24 officers and 526 other ranks. After its arrival the Battalion was absorbed into the Canadian Forestry Corps and being fully depleted of all ranks was disbanded under General Order 60 of April 15th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 165th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 666001 - 669000.

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

#### **Other ranks**

#### **Officers(?)**



665-11-102 Cap Darkened pickled finish. With red insert. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



665-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



665-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

665-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)

665-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### Officers



665-11-108 Cap Brown with gold star.. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

665-12-108 Collar Brown OSD finish. Die cast. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

665-11-110 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

665-12-110 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

665-11-112 Cap Sterling silver 3 piece.

665-12-112 Collar Sterling silver 3 piece

### Hemsley souvenir purchase



665-11-1142 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 165th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 where after its arrival was absorbed**

into the Canadian Forestry Corps

### **166th 'Queen's Own Rifles' Reserve) battalion 1915 - 1917**

The 166th (Queen's Own Rifles of Canada) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Toronto from the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles of Canada under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. This was the third battalion to be raised primarily by the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles of Canada that had previously contributed 975 volunteers to the 3rd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later formed the 83rd and 95th Battalions. The Q.O.R. later went on to raise the 198th and 255th Battalions. The 166th Battalion was raised under command of Lieutenant Colonel R.C. Lovesome (2nd Q.O.R.), and embarked for England October 13th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.G. Mitchell with a strength of 32 officers and 859 other ranks where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario Battalions to form the 12th Reserve Battalion this formed under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.G. Mitchell. The 166th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded September 15th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 166th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 669001 - 672000.

The 166th Battalion had a brass band of 36 Bandsmen and a bugle band of 31.

The maker of the first issue badges has not been positively identified but is likely to be P.W.Ellis, who produced badges for the other battalions raised by the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. This issue has small lettering in the motto ribbons and tall thin numerals in the figure '166'

### **Other ranks**



666-11-102 Cap      Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



666-12-102 Collar      Brown finish. Lug fasteners. E/W lugs. Not maker marked

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

666-14-104 Numeral      Gilding metal. Caron Bros. Not maker marked





666-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



666-14-108 Numeral Gilt. Made up with numerals added to lower bar



666-14-110 Title Brass. Not maker marked

### Cloth shoulder title

While in Canada the 166th Battalion applied for, and was granted, permission to adopt a cloth shoulder title. No examples are currently known but details from the correspondence of May 16th 1916 between Militia HQ in Ottawa and The G.O commanding M.D. No.2 read in part, "Sir, I Have the honour, by direction, to state that the Officer Commanding the marginally noted unit has applied for authority for his unit to wear a woven title badge on the shoulder instead of the ordinary metal numerals etc. Two patterns of these cloth titles were submitted in different sizes. The Hon. Minister (Sir Sam Hughes), has approved the lettering on the smaller sized design as submitted with the numerals of the larger design as submitted." The battalion was also authorized payment in lieu of the GS badges not used this in part reading, "Badges, shoulder "166" prs 118...5 cents, Initials "I.N.F." prs 118 4 cents, Block word "Canada" prs 118...5 cents." and claimed \$156.52 in compensation. This would indicate there were only 118 volunteers attested by this time (May 1916).

No examples of this title are currently reported but it is known that the cloth title of the 255th Battalion was based on this design with the numeral '255' replacing that of the 166th Battalion.

666-22-100 Cloth Title 'Q. O. R. / 166 / CANADA'. Red lettering woven on khaki worsted

### NCOs (?)



666-11-112	Cap	Pickled finish with silvered numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-12-112	Collar	Pickled finish with silvered numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



666-11-114	Cap	Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-12-114	Collar	Brown OSD finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-11-116	Cap	Silver overlay on silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-12-116	Collar	Silver overlay on silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### OVERSEAS

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

### Other ranks



666-11-118	Cap	White metal. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-12-118	Collar	White metal. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

666-11-120	Cap	Silver plate on wm. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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666-12-120	Collar	Silver plate on wm. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-11-122	Cap	Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
666-12-122	Collar	Sterling silver. E/W 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.



666-11-130	Sweetheart.	Pickled finish. . White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked
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**The 166th Battalion embarked for England October 13th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario Battalions to form the 12th Reserve Battalion.**

### **167th 'Canadiens Francais' (Depot) Battalion 1915 - 1918**

The 167th (Canadiens Chasseurs) Battalion was recruited in the Province of Quebec by the 4th Regiment les Chasseurs Canadiens with mobilization headquarters at Quebec City under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. This militia regiment having previously provided 41 volunteers to the 12th battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 167th Battalion was raised under command of Lieutenant-Colonel O. Readman (4th Chasseurs), did not serve overseas in 1917 being redesignated as the Quebec Recruiting Depot. This being absorbed into the 1st Quebec Depot Regiment in April 1918. The 167th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 98 of August 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 167th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 672001 - 675000.

### **Badges by Caron Bros.**

Wide shield with wide figures in the numeral '167'.

### **Other ranks**



667-11-102 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Caron Freres 1916'

667-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

667-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. (Not reported)

667-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

### Officers



667-11-108 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Caron Freres 1916'



667-11-110 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Caron Freres 1916'

667-12-110 Collar Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Badges by G.F. Hemsley.

Narrow shield with thin figures in the numeral '167'.

### Other ranks



667-11-112	Cap	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
667-12-112	Collar	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
667-14-112	Title	Pickled finish. 167/CANADA. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

667-11-114	Cap	Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
667-12-114	Collar	Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 167h Battalion did not serve overseas in 1917 being redesignated as the Quebec Recruiting Depot.**

### 168th 'Oxford County' (Reserve) Battalion 1915 - 1917

The 168th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in Oxford County and area with mobilization headquarters at Woodstock under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 22nd Oxford Rifles this regiment previously having contributed 69 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raised the 71st Battalion The 168th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 with 26 officers and 688 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.K. McMullen( 22nd Oxford Rifles). In January 1917 the battalion was split into two drafts, one being assigned to the 4th Reserve Battalion the other to the 6th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 168th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under Order 60 of April 15th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 168th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 675001 - 678000.

The battalion had a pipe band with nine pipers and seven drummers

### Interim badges

Two interim pattern badges are known for the 168th Battalion these with a brass numeral '168' attached to General Service maple leaf pattern badges. Most of the genuine 'interim' badges were worn by infantry battalions raised in Military District No.1.

### Other ranks

668-11-102	Cap	Brass numeral '168' on GS maple leaf badge.
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668-12-102	Collar	Brass numeral '168' on GS maple leaf badge.
668-11-104	Cap	Brass numeral '168' on GS maple leaf badge.
668-12-104	Collar	Brass numeral '168' on GS maple leaf badge.

### **Badges attributed to Ellis Bros**

Collars with large numeral '168' and E/W lugs.

#### **Other ranks**



668-11-106	Cap	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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668-12-106	Collar	Pickled gilding metal. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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#### **Officers(?)**



668-11-108	Cap	Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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668-12-108	Collar	Dark brown finish. E/W lugs . Not maker marked
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### Shoulder strap numerals and titles



- 668-14-110 Numeral Brown finish maker marked Caron Bros 1915
- 668-14-112 Numeral Brown finish . Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)



- 668-14-114 Title Natural gilding metal. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Badges attributed to Caron Bros. Montreal



- 668-11-116 Cap Gilt with silver wash on centre . Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



- 668-12-116 Collar Gilt . Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

- 668-11-118 Cap Brown finish with silver was on numerals



- 668-12-118 Collar Brown finish with silver was on numerals

The badges are not maker marked. The maple leaf with small figures in the numeral '168'.

### Bandsmen





668-11-120 Cap Brown finish with silver overlays on numeral. Lug fasteners. Not marked



668-14-120 Title Blackened. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Although adopted by the 168th Battalion use of battalion shoulder titles was denied on June 20th 1916 the statement reading in part 'not the pattern issued.'

### Other ranks

668-11-122 Cap Pickled finish wash on silver numerals. Flat back. With pin or lug fasteners



668-12-122 Collar Pickled finish with silvered numerals. Flat back. With pin or N/S lug fasteners

### Officers

Similar officer patterns exist for the 71st , 110th and 118th Battalions which were all raised in the same area of South Western Ontario.



668-11-124 Cap Brown finish with silver overlays on numeral. Lug fasteners. Not marked



668-12-124 Collar Brown finish with silver overlays on numeral. Lug fasteners. Not marked

**Collar size badges in 'off' metals are likely sweetheart pins.**

668-12-126 Collar Sterling silver. Flat back. Pin fasteners. Marked 'Sterling'

**Counterfeit (UK 2018)**



668-11-128 Cap Pressure cast silver. Note the blurred detail and extra metal around the design this not found on original die struck examples.

**The 168th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 where in January 1917 the battalion was split into two drafts, one being assigned to the 4th Reserve Battalion the other to the 6th Reserve Battalion.**

#### **169th '109th Regiment' (Reserve) Battalion 196 - 1917**

The 169th Battalion was the second CEF battalion raised by the militia 109th Regiment at Toronto. Being mobilized under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 109th Regiment previously having raised the 84th Battalion. The 109th Regiment was one of seven Militia Regiments raised after the start of WWI to recruit volunteers for the CEF. The others being the 55th Irish Canadian Rangers and the 58th (Westmount) Rifles at Montreal, the 70th Hull Regiment, the 81st Hants Regiment, the 108th Regiment at Berlin, later rename Kitchener, and the 110th Irish Regiment this also at Toronto. The 169th Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.G. Wright (109th Regiment), with a strength of 32 officers and 887 other ranks where February 7th 1917 was amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 5th Reserve Battalion this one of three reinforcing battalions for battalions raised in

Central Ontario serving on the Western Front. The 169th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 27th 1917 under GO 89 of September 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 169th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 678001 - 681000.

The 84th and 169th Battalions raised by the 109th Regiment were far more egalitarian than the 'senior' Militia regiments of Toronto. In the correspondence between Lieutenant-Colonel J.G. Wright and the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 2nd Division (M.D. No.2), regarding the design of the proposed regimental badges reads in part "We propose to have these badges made completely in bronze and issue the same both to the officers and man."

### **Badges by Wellings Manufacturing Co. of Toronto.**

The lug fasteners by Wellings Mint are small in distinctive thick round copper wire. Solid pattern badges have been reported, possibly officers patterns, but are not confirmed.

#### **All ranks**



669-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



669-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

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



669-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros. 1916'

669-14-106 Numeral Gilt finish 169. Angular numerals attached to lower 'bar'. Not maker marked. This interim pattern of shoulder numeral is usually associated with battalions located at Niagara Camp in 1916.

669-14-108 Title Brown finish '169/Canada'. With Caron Bros. Numeral '169'

#### **OVERSEAS**

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

Only collar badges are known. The figures in the numeral '169' are framed.

### Other ranks



669-12-110 Collar

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

### Officers



669-11-112 Cap

Made up badge with collar mounted on Tiptaft RCR star

## 109th REGIMENT REINFORCING DRAFT

The 109th Regiment 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 2,304301 - 2,309300.

### 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.



669-11-120 'Sweetheart'. Pickled finish. White metal numerals. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



668-11-122 'Sweetheart' Gilt. Pin fastener. Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 169th Battalion embarked for England October 26th where February 7th 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 5th Reserve Battalion.**

#### **170th 'Mississauga Horse' (Reserve) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 170th (Mississauga Horse) Battalion was mobilized at Toronto under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 9th Mississauga Light Horse this regiment previously having contributed 161 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raised the 75th Battalion. The 9th Mississauga Horse also provided volunteers to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles on its formation in December 1914. The 170th Battalion embarked for England October 26th 1916 with 31 officers and 888 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel L. Reed (9th Mississauga Horse), where in January 1917 amalgamated with other CEF Battalions in England to form the 5th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 170th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 170th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 681001 - 684000.

The 170th Battalion had a brass band with 36 bandsmen and a bugle band of 26.

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

Pointed maple leaf with plain motto ribbons.

#### **Other ranks**



670-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked





670-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs



670-13-104 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



670-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

670-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Officers/ Bandsman (?)

670-11-110 Cap Gilt.

670-12-110 Collar Gilt. (Not currently reported)

### Officers service dress

670-11-112 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

670-12-112 Collar Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



670-11-114 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

670-12-114 Collar Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



670-11-116 Cap Brown OSD finish. Copper lug fasteners. Not maker marked

670-12-116 Collar Brown OSD finish. Copper lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## OVERSEAS

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

Blunt maple leaf motto ribbons framed

### Other ranks



670-11-120 Cap Darkened brass. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft B'ham'

670-11-122 Cap Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



170-12-122 Collar Blackened/pickled 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.



670-11-130 Cap size . Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not marked

670-11-132 Cap size Gilt. Silver centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 170th Battalion embarked for England October 26th where in January 1917 amalgamated with other CEF Battalions in England to form the 5th Reserve Battalion.**

### **171st 'The Quebec Rifles' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 171st (Quebec Rifles) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Quebec City under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 8th Royal Rifles of Canada this regiment previously having provided 368 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 171st Battalion sailed for England November 4th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W. Price (Permanent Force) with a strength of 27 officers and 574 other ranks. After arrival a draft was sent to the 4th Pioneers the remainder of the battalion merging with the 148th Canadian Infantry Battalion from Montreal to form the 20th Reserve Battalion; this the reserve battalion for the three Canadian Black Watch battalions the 13th, 42nd and 73rd all then serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 171st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 27th 1917 under GO.89 of September 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 171st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 684001 - 687000.

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

#### **Other ranks**



671-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



671-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs



671-12-104 Collar Natural brass finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder titles and numerals

671-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked  
 671-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)  
 671-14-110 Title Natural brass '171/Canada'. Caron Bros '171' braised to voided 'Canada'  
 671-14-112 Title Single piece natural brass '171/Canada'. By Hemsley not maker marked

### Bandsman(?)



671-12-114 Collar

Gilt lug fasteners.

### Officers



671-11-116 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



671-12-116 Collar

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



671-11-118 Cap

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





671-12-118 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 171st Battalion sailed for England November 4th 1916 where after its arrival provided a draft to the 4th Pioneers the remainder of the battalion merging with the 148th Canadian Infantry Battalion from Montreal to form the 20th Reserve Battalion.**

#### **172nd 'Rocky Mountain Rangers' (Reserve) Bn. 1916 - 1917**

The 172nd (Rocky Mountain Rangers) Battalion was recruited in the southern interior of British Columbia with mobilization headquarters at Kamloops under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers this regiment previously having provided 123 volunteers to the 7th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 172nd Battalion sailed for England October 25th 1916 with 32 officers and 972 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Vicars (102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers), where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other BC battalions then in England to form the 24th Reserve Battalion. The 172nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 172nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 687001 - 690000.

#### **Badges attributed to Jacoby Bros.**

The figure '2' in the numeral '172' is higher than the '1' and '7'. The horns on the ram deeply textured.

#### **Other ranks**



672-11-102 Cap Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



672-12-102 Collar Blackened/brown finish. N/S small round wire lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Badges by O.B. Allan.

The numeral '172' are in a straight line.

### Other ranks



672-11-104 Cap Dark brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'



672-12-104 Collar Dark brown finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'



672-14-104 Title Dark brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

### Shoulder strap numerals

672-14-106	Numeral	Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'
672-14-108	Numeral	Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Officers

672-11-120	Cap	Dark brown finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allen'
672-12-120	Collar	Dark brown finish. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B. Allen'
672-11-122	Cap	Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'
672-12-122	Collar	Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### OVERSEAS

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

Only collar badges are known. Framed motto ribbons and numerals

### Other ranks

672-12-124	Collar	Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
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### Unidentified maker

### Officers



672-11-126	Cap	Silver plate. Pin fastener. Not maker marked
672-12-126	Collar	Silver plate. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### 102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers Reinforcing Draft

The 102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The maker of this issue has not been identified. Unlike the Militia issues the badges are not voided.

### Other ranks

673-11-130	Cap	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
673-12-130	Collar	Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 172nd Battalion sailed for England October 25th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other BC battalions then in England to form the 24th Reserve Battalion.**

### **173rd 'Canadian Highlanders' (Reserve) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 173rd (Canadian Highlanders) Battalion was recruited January 6th 1916 with mobilization headquarters at Hamilton under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion was raised by the 91st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada this previously having provided 154 volunteers to the 16th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raising the 19th Battalion. The 173rd Battalion sailed for England November 14th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Bruce (91st Canadian Highlanders), with a strength of 32 officers and 930 OR's where in January 1917 the battalion amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 2nd Reserve Battalion one of a number of reinforcing battalions supply replacements to Central Ontario Battalions serving on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 173rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 173rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 690001 - 693000.

The 173rd Battalion had three bands, a brass band of 34 bandsmen, a bugle band of 30 and a pipe band with 15 pipes and 11 drummers.

### **Badges by George H. Lees & Co.**

#### **Other ranks**



673-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co. 1915'



673-12-102 Collar Brown finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co.'



673-12-102 Collar Darkened brass E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals

173

673-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal 173. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

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673-14-106 Numeral NCOs pin back

673-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 173. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Bugle band



673-11-110 Cap White metal. Maker marked Not maker marked

### Pipes & drums

The pipes and drums were modified 91st Regiment Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders cap badges with an additional motto ribbon '173rd, Overseas, Battalion' added below the badge.



673-11-112 Glengarry White metal. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



Un-attributed pipe-major or officers collars. Sterling silver and enamels. Hall marked 'S.S.R' in shield and 'STERLING' with lug fasteners.

673-12-114 Collar Sterling silver and enamels. Lug fasteners. Hall marked

### Officers service dress

673-11-116 Cap Antique copper finish. Solid. Maker marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co. 1915'



673-12-116 Collar Antique copper finish. N/S lugs. Maker marked 'Geo. H. Lees & Co. 1915'

Badges with white metal overlays are reported but not confirmed.

### Officers



673-11-120 Cap Silver plate. Not maker marked

673-12-120 Collar Silver plate. (Not reported)

### COUNTERFEIT

1980's pressure cast silver. Note the 'dull' blurred detail especially on the reverse. The badges are also slightly smaller than genuine WWI examples.



673-11-120 Cap White metal. Lug fasteners.

The 173rd Battalion sailed for England November 14th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Ontario battalions to form the 2nd Reserve Battalion.

### Recruiting poster



### 174th '79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada' (Reserve) Bn. 1916 - 1917

The 174th (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) Battalion was recruited January 14th 1916 in the Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan with mobilization headquarters at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion was raised by the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada this regiment having previously provided 263 volunteers to the 16th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and also raised the 43rd and 179th Battalions. The 174th Battalion sailed for England April 29th 1917 with just 14 officers and 275 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H.F. Osler (79th Cameron Highlanders) where the battalion was absorbed into the 14th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 174th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under GO.82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 174th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 693001 - 696000.

The 174th Battalion had a brass band of 25 musicians and a pipe band with 15 pipes and 7 drummers.

It would appear that the 43rd Battalion sailed for England wearing 79th Regiment (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) regimental badges. After arrival in England Other ranks battalion pattern badges were made by McDougall (The 179th preceded the 174th to England by eight months).

### 79th Regimental pattern badges attributed to Dingwall

#### All ranks



543-11-102 Glengarry White metal

543-12-102 Collar White metal



543-14-102 Title Gilding metal. Flat cut sheet copper lugs. Maker marked Dingwall Winnipeg

128-17-102 Sporran White metal. Glengarry size with single 'stud' fastener

### Shoulder strap numerals



674-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

674-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Overseas

### Badges by McDougall.

### Officers/pipers (?)

674-11-108 Glengarry Silver plate. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

674-12-108 Collar Silver plate 32mm. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

Voided Tudor crown the collar badges voided with a fully struck up reverse. The makers name 'McDougall' is obscured by the lower lug fastener but occasionally some lettering is visible. Height 28mm

### Other ranks



674-11-110 Glengarry White metal.

### Brass Band (?)



674-11-112 Glengarry Natural brass. Lug fasteners. Reverse detail not available at press time.



674-12-112 Collar Brass 28mm. N/S Lug fasteners. Maker marked

### Officers





674-11-114 Glengarry Pickled finish. Non-voided Tudor Crown. Maker marked.

### Officers/pipers



674-11-116 Glengarry Silver plate on wm. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'McDougall'



674-12-116 Collar Brown finish 28mm. N/S Lug fasteners. Maker marked

674-11-118 Glengarry Sterling silver Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'McDougall 1916'



674-12-118 Collar Sterling silver. (Not reported)

### Pipers(?)



674-11-120 Glengarry Blue enamel on silver plate. Pin fastener. Marked Mc Dougall



674-12-120 Collar Gilt on wm. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada' Reinforcing Draft

A 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Regimental numbers block 2,373301 - 2,378300 being disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

**The 174th Battalion sailed for England April 29th 1917 where the battalion was absorbed into the 14th Reserve Battalion.**

### 175th 'Medicine Hat' (Reserve) Battalion 1916 - 1917

The 175th (Medicine Hat) Battalion was recruited in the southern Alberta region by the 21st Alberta Hussars and the 23rd Alberta Rangers with mobilization headquarters at Medicine Hat under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 these regiments previously having contributed 78 volunteers to the 6th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914, and later also providing volunteers to the 31st, 113th, 151st, 187th and 191st Battalions. The 175th Battalion sailed for England October 4th 1916 with 30 officers and 847 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel N. Spencer (Honoury rank), where in January 1917 the battalion amalgamated with other CEF battalions raised in Alberta then in England to form the 21st Reserve Battalion. The 175th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded July 17th 1917 under GO.82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 175th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 696001 - 699000.

The 175th Battalion had a brass band of 29 bandsmen.

### First pattern by P.W.Ellis.

### Other ranks



659-11-102 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



659-12-102 Collar Antique copper finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and titles



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

659-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Not reported

Made up title with Caron Bros numeral braised over 'INF' and voided 'CANADA' titles.

659-14-108 Title Gilding metal 175/INF/CANADA. Unit made

### Bandsman (?)

659-11-110 Cap Gilt. Lug fasteners.



659-12-110 Collar Gilt. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Officers

- 659-11-112 Cap Silver wash on numerals on brown finish. Lug fasteners.
- 659-12-112 Collar Silver wash on numerals on brown finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



- 659-11-114 Cap Brown OSD finish. N/S lug fasteners. Maker marked A.B. Cook



- 659-12-114 Collar Brown OSD finish. N/S Lugs. Not maker marked.

### **Second pattern by A.B. Cook. (Badges struck by G.F. Hemsley)**

This issue with small Stetson and small figures in the numeral '175'.



- 659-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'A.B. Cook'



659-12-116 Collar Pickled finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



659-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. Pickled finish polished off

#### Officers

659-11-118 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'A.B.Cook'



659-12-118 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### OVERSEAS

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

Large Stetson and large figures in the numeral '175'. Collars with the motto ribbons framed.

#### Other ranks

659-11-120 Cap Gilding metal finish.. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



659-12-120 Collar Gilding metal 30mm. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Officers

659-11-122 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

659-12-122 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



675-14-122 Title Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Tiptaft'

**The 175th Battalion sailed for England October 4th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other CEF battalions raised in Alberta then in England to form the 21st Reserve Battalion.**

### Counterfeit cap badges

The cap 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.



659-12-122 Cap Pressure cast brass.



659-12-124 Cap Pressure cast silver.