

### 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.**

#### **176th 'NIAGARA RANGERS' BATTALION 1916-1918**

The 176th (Niagara Rangers) Battalion was recruited in the Counties of Lincoln and Welland by the 44th Lincoln and Welland Regiment the battalion with mobilization headquarters at St. Catharines authorized under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. Previously the 44th Regiment had contributed 202 volunteers to the 4th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raised the 98th Battalion. The 176th Battalion sailed for England April 29th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel D. Sharpe (2nd Dragoons), with a strength of 18 officers and 446 other ranks. After its arrival the battalion was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion located at Witley Camp one of two reserve battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment. The 176th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 176th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 850001 - 853000.

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

#### **Other ranks**



76-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



676-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

676-14-102 Title Pickled finish 'CAN/176/ADA'. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs

676-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



676-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros'



676-14-108 Numeral Brass. By Birks not maker marked

Interim pattern shoulder numeral this pattern is usually associated with battalions located at Niagara Camp in 1916.



676-14-110 Numeral Gilt finish. Angular numerals attached to 'bars'. Pin back. Not maker marked.

### Officers





676-11-112 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



676-12-112 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



676-11-114 Cap Silver overlay on brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



676-12-114 Collar Silver overlay on brown OSD finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 176th Battalion sailed for England April 29th where after its arrival the battalion was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion**

#### **177th 'Simcoe Foresters' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 -1917**

The 177th (Simcoe Foresters) Battalion was recruited in Simcoe County with mobilization headquarters at

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Barrie under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 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 157th Battalion the badges for both battalions, including interim patterns, being almost identical. The 177th Battalion sailed for England May 3rd 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.B. McGhee (35th Simcoe Foresters), with a strength of 19 officers and 549 other ranks. After its arrival the battalion was absorbed into the 3rd Reserve Battalion one of two reserve battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment supplying reinforcements for the 4th and 19th Battalions and the 2nd and 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 177th Canadian Infantry battalion was disbanded effective April 15th 1918 under General Order 60 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 177th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 853001 - 856000.

The 177th Battalion had a brass band of 19 bandsmen and a bugle band of 23.

### **Interim pattern badges**

#### **Other ranks**



677-11-102 Cap

Brass number '177' on 'Wellings' GS maple leaf badge.



657-12-102 Collar

Brass number '177' on 'Wellings' GS maple leaf badge

#### **Officers**



677-11-104 Cap

Silver numeral on Welling GS maple leaf

657-12-104 Collar Silver numeral on Welling 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. Six dots on the outer annulus. Other ranks badges were originally issued with a pickled finish that wore off in use.

### **Other ranks**



677-11-106 Cap Pickled finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros 1916'



677-12-106 Collar Pickled finish. Solid. N/S copper lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

677-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros'

677-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### **Officers**

677-11-112 Cap Applied brown finish. Voided. N/S Lugs. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros 1916'

677-12-112 Collar Applied brown finish. Solid. N/S flat sheet metal lug fasteners. Not marked





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|------------|--------|--|
| 677-11-114 | Cap    | Silver overlay on leaf and '177', pickled finish. Not maker marked               |
| 677-12-114 | Collar | Silver overlay on leaf and '177', pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked |

### **Bandsman**

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|------------|--------|--|
| 677-11-116 | Cap    | Gilt. Voided. N/S Lugs. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros 1916'                   |
| 677-12-116 | Collar | Gilt. Solid. Solid. N/S flat sheet metal lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

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

Domed, non-voided badges on which the tip of the maple leaf does not overlap the band of the Tudor crown. Eight dots on the outer annulus.

### **Other ranks**



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|------------|--------|--|
| 677-11-118 | Cap    | Brown finish. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked     |
| 677-12-118 | Collar | Brown finish. Solid. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |

### **Officers**

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|------------|--------|--|
| 677-11-120 | Cap    | Silver overlay on leaf, '177' and 'CANADA', pickled finish. Not marked |
| 677-12-120 | Collar | Silver overlay on leaf, '177' and 'CANADA', pickled finish. Not marked |

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

Sweetheart badges with 'Duty First' motto ribbon. Similar cap badges are known for the 21st, 122nd and 157th 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. However as a matching collar was produced for the 77th Battalion these may have been worn.



677-11-122 Cap

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



657-12-122 Collar

Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

677-14-124 Numeral

Gilt 157. Small Wellings round copper wire 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.

677-11-130 'Sweetheart' badge.

Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

677-11-132 'Sweetheart' badge.

Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 177th Battalion sailed for England May 3rd 1917 where after its arrival the battalion was absorbed into the 3rd Reserve Battalion**

### **178th 'Canadiens Francais' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 178th 'Nicolet' Battalion was recruited in Quebec and Eastern Ontario by the 80th Nicolet Regiment with mobilization headquarters at Victoriaville under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The Battalion sailed for England March 4th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel L. de la Girouard with a strength of 20 officers and 415 other ranks. The 80th Nicolet had previously provided a single volunteer to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. In England the 178th Battalion was absorbed into the 10th Reserve Battalion formed in January 1917 as the reinforcing battalion for the 22nd Battalion CEF, this the only French speaking battalion of the 48 serving with the Canadian Corps in France. Being

fully depleted of all ranks the 178th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded 1917 under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 178th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 856001 - 859000.

#### **Proto-type or sample cap badge (unidentified maker)**

On this badge, as worn the beaver faces left. The legend reads 'CANADIEN FRANCAIS. 178/ VOULOIR C'EST DE POUVOIR/D'OUTRE MER'.

678-11-102 Cap Copper finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### **First 'NICOLET' pattern by G.F. Hemsley.**

Legend 'CANADIENS-FRANCAIS/D'OUTRE-MER/ATHABASKA DRUMMOND/178/ VOULOIR C'EST POUVOIR/NICOLET'

#### **Other ranks**



678-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

678-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### **NCOs**

678-12-106 Collar Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

#### **Officers**

678-11-108 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

678-12-108 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### **Second 'EST DE' pattern.**

Legend 'CANADIENS-FRANCAIS/D'OUTRE-MER PROVINCE QUEBEC/178/ VOULOIR C'EST DE POUVOIR'

#### **Other ranks**



678-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



678-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals and titles



678-14-112 Numeral Brown finish. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked

678-14-114 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

678-14-116 Title Gilding metal. 178/CANADA. Caron numeral 178 on voided 'CANADA'

Cut sheet metal numeral '178' braised over 'INF' and voided 'CANADA'

678-14-118 Title Gilding metal. 178/INF/CANADA. Lug fasteners.

### NCOs(?)

678-11-120 Cap Pickled finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

678-12-120 Collar Pickled finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers

678-11-122 Cap Brown OSD finish.



678-12-122 Collar Brown OSD finish. Pin fastener.

678-11-124 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

678-12-124 Collar Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 178th Battalion sailed for England March 4th 1917 where it was being absorbed into the 10th Reserve Battalion.**

### Recruiting Posters



### 179th 'Cameron Highlanders of Canada' (Reinforcing) Bn. 1916 - 1917

The 179th (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada this previously having provided 263 volunteers to the 16th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later also raised the 43rd and 174th Battalions, this battalion not sailing for England until in April 1917. The 179th Battalion sailed for England October 4th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.Y. Reid (79th Cameron Highlanders), with a strength of 32 officers and 890 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Manitoba battalions in England to form the 17th Reserve Battalion. The 179th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 17th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The 179th Battalion had a pipe band of 15 pipers and 7 drummers.

The regimental numbers block for the 179th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 859001 - 862000.



## Badges by Dingwall

Two different dies were used to strike the glengarry badges both by Dingwall. Officers collar badges are miniatures of the Glengarry badge.

### Other ranks (Type 1)

With crossed stems to the maple leaf wreath below 'OVERSEAS'.



679-11-102 Glengarry Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Dingwall Winnipeg'



679-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Flat back. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Not marked.

### Shoulder strap numerals



679-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked

679-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Officers (Die 1)



679-11-108 Glengarry OSD Brown finish over silver plate. Pin fastener Not maker marked

679-12-108 Collar Brown OSD finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners (?). Not maker marked.

### Other ranks (Type 2)



679-11-110 Glengarry White metal. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



679-11-112 Glengarry Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Dingwall'



679-11-114 Glengarry Silver plate. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

679-12-114 Collar Silver plate. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



679-11-116 Glengarry OSD Brown finish over silver plate. Pin fastener Not maker marked

679-12-116 Collar Brown OSD finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners (?). Not maker marked.

### Pipers

679-11-118 Glengarry Silver plate. Not voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Dingwall'



679-12-118 Collar Gilt and silver wash. Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

### OVERSEAS

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

Only collar badges are reported these with framed motto ribbons.

679-12-120 Collar Pickled finish. Die struck. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

The 179th Battalion sailed for England October 4th where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Manitoba battalions in England to form the 17th Reserve Battalion.

### Recruiting poster



### 180th 'Sportsman' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917

The 180th (Toronto Sportsmen) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Toronto under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 110th Irish Regiment, this one of a number of Militia Regiments raised after the start of WWI. Others include the 55th Irish Canadian Rangers and 58th (Westmount) Rifles at Montreal, the 70th Hull Regiment, the 108th at Berlin, Ontario which shortly after changed the name to Kitchener, and the 109th Regiment at Toronto. The 180th Battalion embarked for England November 15th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel R.H. Greer (Honoury rank), with a strength of 31 officers and 833 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Toronto battalions to form the 3rd Reserve Battalion. The 180th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 63 of June 1st 1917.

The regimental numbers block for the 180th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 862001 - 865000.

The 180th Battalion had a brass band of 29 bandsmen and a bugle band also of 29.

### Badges by Wellings Toronto

#### Other ranks

Type 1 large leaf, curved stem, large numeral '8', maker marked





- 680-11-102 Cap Originally with copper lacquer finish. Lug fasteners. Marked Wellings Toronto
- 680-12-102 Collar Matching collars are not currently confirmed
- 680-14-102 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Wellings Mfg. Co.'

#### Shoulder strap numerals



- 680-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



- 680-14-105 Numeral NCOs pin back. By Caron Bros not maker marked



- 680-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

#### Badges attributed to Chauncy

Type 2, straight stem, small numeral '8', not maker marked

#### Other ranks





680-11-108 Cap Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



680-12-108 Collar Blackened/pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



680-11-110 Cap Dark brown with silver wash on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



680-12-110 Collar Dark brown with silver wash on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



680-11-112 Cap Dark brown ODS finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



680-12-112 Collar Red/brown. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Chauncy

680-11-114 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

680-12-114 Collar Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

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

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680-11-120 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

680-11-122 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not marked

The 180th Battalion embarked for England November 15th in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Toronto battalions to form the 3rd Reserve Battalion.

### **Recruiting Poster**



### **182nd 'Ontario County' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 182nd (Ontario County) Battalion was recruited in Ontario County with mobilization headquarters at Whitby under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 34th Ontario Regiment this regiment previously having contributed 133 volunteers to the 2nd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raising the 116th Battalion. The 182nd Battalion sailed for England May 3rd 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A. Cockburn (34th Ontario Regiment), with a strength of nine officers and 280 other ranks where it was absorbed into the 2nd Reserve Battalion, and reinforcing the 116th Battalion serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 182nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 June 1st of 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 182nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 868001 - 871000.

The 182nd Battalion had a brass band of 23 bandsmen and a bugle band also of 23.

### **Badges by P.W.Ellis (Wide Tudor Crown.)**

#### **Other ranks**



682-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'



682-12-102 Collar Brown finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'

### Officers

682-11-104 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'

682-12-104 Collar Silver plate. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'

682-11-106 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Sterling'



682-12-106 Collar Silver. N/S lugs, not maker marked

### Bandsman (?)

682-11-108 Cap Dull gilt. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'

682-12-108 Collar Dull gilt. E/W Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis 1916'

### Badges by G.F. Hemsley (Narrow Tudor Crown.)

### Other ranks



682-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

682-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. (Not reported)

### Shoulder numerals

682-14-112 Numeral Brown finish 182. By Caron Bros not maker marked

682-14-114 Numeral Brown finish 182. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

**The 182nd Battalion sailed for England May 3rd 1917 where it was absorbed into the 2nd Reserve Battalion, and reinforcing the 116th Battalion serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front.**

### **183rd 'Manitoba' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 183rd (Manitoba Beavers) Battalion was recruited in Manitoba January 15th 1916 with mobilization headquarters at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion was raised by Honorary-Colonel W.T. Edgcomb, a friend of Sir Sam Hughes, and was not affiliated with any militia regiment but an Orangeman of the Loyal Orange Order. The Battalion unofficially known as the Orange Battalion sailed for England October 16th 1916 with a strength of 13 officers and 431 OR's where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Manitoba Battalions then in England to form the 11th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 183rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective December 8th 1917 under GO.82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 183rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 871001 - 874000.

### **Interim cap badge**

An interim cap badge is reported for the 188th Battalion. With Caron Bros numeral on a General Service maple leaf.

### **Badges by Dingwall.**

#### **Other ranks**



683-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



683-12-102 Collar Pickled. Die struck. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Marked 'Dingwall Winnipeg'





683-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Solid. . Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Although initially worn use of a battalion designated title was denied on March 23rd 1916 reading in part 'shoulder title should be universal 'CANADA'.

### Officers

683-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



683-13-104 Collar Pickled. Flat back. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Marked 'Dingwall Winnipeg'



683-11-104 Cap OSD finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



683-15-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked

683-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal 183. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1915'

683-14-110 Numeral Brown finish 183. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### OVERSEAS

#### Officers cap badge by Tiptaft



683-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft.

**The Battalion unofficially known as the Orange Battalion sailed for England October 16th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with other Manitoba Battalions then in England forming the 11th Reserve Battalion.**

#### **184th (Southern Manitoba' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916**

The 184th Battalion was recruited in the area around Lisgar in Southern Manitoba January 17th 1916 with mobilization headquarters at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion was not affiliated with a militia regiment but raised by Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Sharpe a prominent merchant and conservative member of the House of Commons representing Lisgar between 1908 and 1915. The Battalion sailed for England November 1st 1916 with a strength of 32 officers and 1042 OR's where after its arrival in England the battalion was almost immediately absorbed into the 11th Battalion, Training and Reserve and used to reinforce Manitoba battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 184th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 184th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 874001 - 877000.

#### **Badges by Dingwall.**

##### **Other ranks**



684-11-102 Cap

Front with pickled finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



684-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Not maker marked



684-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Maker marked



684-11-104 Cap Front with pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



684-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked

684-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

684-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Bandsman (?)

684-11-112 Cap Gilt wash. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

684-12-112 Collar Gilt wash. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Officers



684-11-114 Cap

Brown OSD finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Sweetheart/collar(?)



684-12-116 Collar

Silver. Marked Dingwall and Sterling

**The Battalion sailed for England November 1st 1916 where after its arrival in England the battalion was almost immediately absorbed into the 11th Battalion, Training and Reserve**

### 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.



684-11-118 Cap

Pressure cast brass.





684-11-118 Cap Pressure cast silver.

### **185th 'Nova Scotia Highlanders' Battalion 5th Div. 1916 - 1918**

The 185th (Cape Breton Highlanders) Battalion, Nova Scotia Highland Brigade was recruited in Cape Breton with mobilization headquarters at Broughton under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 185th Battalion was partially raised by the 94th Victoria Regiment (Argyll Highlanders) the regiment had previously contributed volunteers to the 17th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later helped raise the 85th Battalion. The 185th Battalion embarked for England under command of Lieutenant-Colonel F.P. Day (28th New Brunswick Dragoons) October 13th 1916, with a strength of 36 officers and 976 other ranks where it was assigned to the 15th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division then in formation in England. In February 1918 the 5th Division was disbanded each of the 11 remaining battalions, (the 199th having previously been absorbed into the 23rd Reserve Battalion), were ordered to send a drafts of 100 men each to the units in the field and the remainder were absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 185th Battalion was absorbed by the 17th Reserve Battalion this the reinforcing battalion for the Nova Scotia Regiment supplying reinforcements to the 25th and 85th Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 185th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded November 29th 1918 under General order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 185th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 877001 - 880000.

### **Brass band**

The 185th Battalion had a band with 36 bandsmen and a pipe band of seven pipers and seven drummers. Only officers and pipers wore highland garb, other ranks wore regular infantry uniform with a Balmoral cap this with a brown turkey feather hackle with blue feather centre behind the badge.



Top row left to right. Bandsman Alex Brown, Frank MacKinnon, James Critchley, John Hitchens, Robert Weilding, Herbert Roycoft, William MacLavery, Albert Beresford, Thomas Saunderson, Walter Cosman Elmer Bulford, James Bowers,

Second row standing left to right. Samuel Hayman, Fred Ferryhough, John Harricks, Malcolm O'Hanley, Ben Hitchens, James F. MacDonald, Thomas Denney, John Nicholson, Elmer Bulmer, Burns MacDonald, James Bowers, and Corporal Harry Hitchens .

Third row sitting left to right. Joseph Dunn, James A. Ross, Mark Conway, Harry Braddock, Sergeant Bandmaster William Williams, Colonel F.P. Day, Captain F.P. Munro, McK Weir, Corporal Joseph Davis

Bottom row sitting left to right. Joseph Mullings, William P. Laurence, John McOuigan, John T. Green, Gerald Liscombe, Daniel Guthrie, Lance Corporal A.J. MacLean

### **Badges by George Hemsley.**

Voided between the small shield bearing the arms of Nova Scotia and the motto ribbon.



### Other ranks



685-11-102 Balmoral Pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



685-12-102 Collar Pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



685-11-103 Balmoral Copper. This possibly field worn with original pickled finish removed

### NCOs

685-12-104 Collar Pickled finished scroll pattern. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

### Shoulder strap numerals



685-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked and dated

685-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Officers Forage cap

It is now believed that the maple leaf collar badges were also worn on the officers forage cap.



685-11-110 Cap/collar Pickled finish maple leaf pattern. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



685-12-112 Cap/collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

### Officers

Two piece badges white metal overlay on pickled finish.

685-11-114 Glengarry Two piece badge. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



685-12-114 Collar Two piece badge scroll pattern. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

Three piece badges white metal overlay on brass thistle on copper finish this pattern with maple leaf pattern collars badges.

685-11-116 Glengarry Three piece badge. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

685-12-116 Collar Three piece badge maple leaf pattern. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



685-12-116 Collar Silver overlay on bronze finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Pipers**

685-11-118 Glengarry Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

685-12-116 Collar Silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

## **OVERSEAS**

### **Formation patches**



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

The small shield bearing the arms of Nova Scotia on the Balmoral badges is not voided. The badges were originally all issued with an applied dark pickled finish which wore off in use. Officers issues by Tiptaft are reported for the 185th Battalion but are not confirmed.

### **Other ranks**

685-11-120 Balmoral Blackened/pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

685-12-120 Collar Blackened/pickled finished. 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.

685-11-130 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

685-11-132 'Sweetheart' badge. Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### **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.



685-11-128 Balmoral Pressure cast brass.



685-11-130 Balmoral Pressure cast silver.

### **186th 'Kent County' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 186th (Kent) Battalion was recruited in Kent County in Southwestern Ontario with mobilization headquarters at Chatham under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 24th Kent Regiment this regiment previously having provided 98 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914, the regiment also provided volunteers to the 18th Battalion. The 186th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel N. Smith (24th Kent Regiment), with a strength of 18 officers and 469 other ranks where it was absorbed into the 4th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks 186th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 15th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 186th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 880001 - 883000.

Badges for the 186th Battalion were produced by the Wellings Manufacturing Corp. Ltd. This maker used distinctive small round lug fasteners made from thick round copper wire.

### **Other ranks**



686-11-102 Cap Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Wellings Mfg Co. Toronto'



686-12-102 Collar Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Shoulder strap numerals



686-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



686-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal 186. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

686-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 186. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

#### Officers

686-11-110 Cap Silver numerals on blackened/brown. Marked 'Wellings Mfg Co. Toronto'

686-12-110 Collar Silver numerals on blackened/brown. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

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686-11-112 Cap size Pickled finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

686-11-114 Cap size Pickled finish. White metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 186th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 where it was absorbed into the 4th Reserve Battalion.**

#### **187th 'Central Alberta' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 187th (Central Alberta) Battalion was recruited in Central Alberta with mobilization headquarters at Red Deer under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 35th Central Alberta Horse this previously having contributed 116 volunteers to the 5th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 187th Battalion embarked for England December 20th 1916 with 24 officers and 744 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel C.W. Robinson (15th Light Horse). The battalion was absorbed into the 21st Reserve. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 187th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded April 11th 1918 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 187th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 883001 - 886000.

The badges were ordered from D.E. Black & Co., Calgary these authorized May 23rd 1916. Two issues were made believed both struck under contract by G.F. Hemsley.

#### **Badges maker marked D.E. Black**

The central arm of the Cross of St. George in the Coat-of-Arms of Alberta is below the 'CENTRAL ALBERTA' motto ribbon.

#### **Other ranks**



687-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked



687-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



- |            |         |  |
|------------|---------|--|
| 687-14-104 | Numeral | Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked         |
| 687-14-106 | Numeral | Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'          |
| 687-14-108 | Numeral | Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported) |

### Officers



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|------------|-----|-------|---|
| 687-11-110 | Cap | Title | Pickled finish w/ overlay. Lug fasteners. |
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|------------|--------|---|
| 687-12-110 | Collar | Pickled finish overlay on numerals and CANADA. Maker marked |
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|------------|-------|--|
| 687-14-110 | Title | Pickled finish w/ overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked |
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### Badges not maker marked

### Other ranks



687-11-112 Cap

Brown finish. (No overlays)

**NCOs(?)**



687-11-114 Cap

Brown finish wm overlay on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not marked



687-12-114 Collar

Brown finish wm overlay on numerals. Pin fastener. Not marked

**Officers**



687-11-116 Cap

Brown finish overlay on numerals and Canada. Pin fastener. Not marked



687-12-118 Collar

Blackened finish with wm overlays on numerals and Canada. Pin fastener.



687-11-120 Cap

Overlays on deer, numerals and CANADA. Not maker marked



687-12-120 Collar

Overlays on deer, numerals and CANADA. Not maker marked

**The 187th Battalion embarked for England December 20th 1916 being absorbed into the 21st Reserve Battalion.**

#### **188th 'Saskatchewan' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 188th (Saskatchewan) Battalion was recruited in Northern Saskatchewan with mobilization headquarters at Prince Albert under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 52nd Regiment (Prince Albert Volunteers) this regiment previously having provided 150 volunteers to the 11th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and subsequently to the 53rd, 65th and 96th Infantry Battalions. The 188th Battalion embarked for England October 13th 1916 with 32 officers and 1004 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel S.J. Donaldson (Honoury rank), where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Saskatchewan battalions in England to form the 15th Reserve Battalion. The 188th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective July 27th 1917 under General Order 89 of September 1st 1917.



The regimental numbers block for the 188th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 886001 - 889000.

### Badges by Dingwall

The figures in the numeral '188' are round. The axe heads are small without detail.

#### Other ranks



688-11-102 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



688-12-102 Collar Brown finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Not maker marked

688-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Solid. 'CANADA/188'. (tall numeral '188') Not maker marked

#### Shoulder strap numerals



688-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked

688-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

688-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

#### Bandsman(?)

688-11-110 Cap Die struck reverse. Un-marked silver, copper lugs Not maker marked

#### Officers

688-11-112 Cap Brown finish silver wash on numeral. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

688-12-112 Collar Brown finish silver wash on numeral. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

#### Badges by Inglis



The figures in the numeral '188' are long and narrow. The axe heads are broad and detailed.

### Other ranks



688-11-114 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

688-12-114 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### OVERSEAS

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

The motto ribbons are framed the figures in the numeral '188' are round. The axe heads are small without detail.

### Other ranks



688-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft



688-12-116 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Flat back maker marked Tiptaft B;ham



688-14-116 Title Pickled finish. Solid. 'CANADA/188'. (Narrow numeral '188') Not marked

### **Bandsman(?)**



688-11-118 Cap White metal. Fully struck up reverse. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### **Officers**



688-11-120 Cap Antique copper. Superior strike with flat back. Not maker marked probably Tiptaft.

### **Sweetheart(?)**



688-12-122 Collar Gilt. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### **Modern UK counterfeit.**



688-11-130 Cap Pressure cast brass, 'soft' blurred detail. long lugs

**The 188th Battalion embarked for England October 13th 1916 where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Saskatchewan battalions in England to form the 15th Reserve Battalion.**