

### 189th 'Canadiens Francais' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917

The 189th (Temiscouata and Rimouski) Battalion was recruited in Eastern Quebec by the 89th Temiscouata and Rimouski Regiment with mobilization headquarters at Fraserville under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The regiment having previously provided 15 volunteers to the 12th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 189th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel P.A. Piuze (C.A.), with a strength of 26 officers and 595 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with the 41st, 57th, 69th 150th and 178th Battalions to form the 10th Reserve Battalion under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Des Rosiers. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 189th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded December 8th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 189th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 889001 - 892000.

An additional reinforcing draft for a Base Company for the 189th Battalion was allotted the regimental numbers block 2,001501 - 2,002000.

### Badges by Caron Bros.

On this issue the tablet below the numeral '189' bearing the battalion motto 'Battalion Francais D'Outre Mer' is concave.

### Other ranks



689-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Caron Freres Montreal 1916'



689-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Die struck. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs (?)



689-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. Die cast flat back. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



689-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked Caron Bros 1916

689-14-108 Numeral Brown finish 189. Maker marked 'Birks 1916' (Not reported)

### Officers



689-11-110 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Caron Freres Montreal 1916'

689-12-110 Collar Brown OSD finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

689-11-112 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Caron Freres Montreal 1916'

689-12-112 Collar Silver plate. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked. (Not confirmed)

### Shoulder title

689-14-114 Title Natural gilding metal finish 189/CANADA. Not maker marked.

## **Tie tack**

This pattern is a tie tack. Similar badges exist for a number of other CEF battalions. All with a Caron Bros. pattern numerals mounted on a rifle with bayonet, fitted with a pin fastener.

689-17-116 Title Gilt Caron Bros numeral 189 mounted over a rifle. Pin back.

## **Overseas**

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

On this issue the tablet below the numeral '189' bearing the battalion motto 'Battalion Francais D'Outre Mer' is convex.

## **Other ranks**

689-11-120 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

689-12-120 Collar Pickled finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**The 189th Battalion embarked for England September 27th 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with the 41st, 57th, 69th 150th and 178th Battalions to form the 10th Reserve Battalion**

### **190th 'Winnipeg Rifles' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 190th (Winnipeg Rifles) Battalion was the fourth infantry battalion raised and mobilized by the 90th Winnipeg Rifles, authorization being granted under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 190th battalion embarked for England May 3rd 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel G.K. Watson (90th Winnipeg Rifles), with a strength of 15 officers and 372 other ranks where it was absorbed into the 18th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 190th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective 1st September 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 190th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 892001 - 895000.

## **Badges by Dingwall**

The motto with large lettering. The cup is upright on the cap badge and the tines on the trident are voided.

## **Other ranks**



690-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Marked Dingwall (Original finish polished off)



690-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. (Small numerals '1' and '0') Pin fastener. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



690-14-104 Numeral Gilt lacquered. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.



690-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.

690-14-108 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. (Not reported)

### Officers



690-11-110 Cap Brown OSD. Lug fasters not maker marked



690-12-110 Collar Brown OSD. Flat back N/S lug fasters not maker marked

## Badges by Birks.

On the cap the cup tilts forward. The motto with small lettering

### Other ranks



690-11-112 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



690-12-112 Collar

Pickled finish. N/S flat lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



690-11-114 Cap

Pickled finish. Silver wash on devil. Lug fasteners. Marked Birks 1916



690-11-116 Cap

Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Marked Birks 1916



**The 190th battalion embarked for England May 3rd 1917 where it was absorbed into the 18th Reserve Battalion.**

### **191st 'South Alberta' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 191st (South Alberta) Battalion was mobilized in Southern Alberta with mobilization headquarters at Fort McLeod under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 by the 23rd Alberta Rangers this previously having contributed 78 volunteers to the 6th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The 191st Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.C. Bryan (23rd Alberta Rangers), with a strength of 6 officers and 246 other ranks. In England the battalion was absorbed into the 21st Reserve Battalion this the reinforcing battalion of the Alberta Regiment supplying reinforcements to the 10th, 31st, 49th and 50th battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 191st Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 191st Canadian Infantry Battalion was 895001 - 898000.

### **Badges by D.E. Black & Co., Calgary (struck by Inglis?)**

#### **Other ranks**



691-11-102 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'



691-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'

691-14-102 Title Pickled finish. Solid. '191/CANADA'. Maker marked "D.E. Black Co'

#### **Shoulder strap numerals**

691-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.

#### **NCOs (?)**

691-11-106 Cap Brown finish silvered numeral. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'



691-12-106 Collar Brown finish silvered numeral. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'

### Officers



691-11-108 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'

691-12-108 Collar Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lugs or pin fastener. Marked D.E. Black Co'

691-14-108 Title Pickled finish with silver overlay. Marked D.E. Black Co'

### Sweetheart



691-17-110 Collar size Pin fastener. Maker marked D.E. Black Co'

**The 191st Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 where it was absorbed into the 21st Reserve Battalion.**

### 192nd 'Crow's Nest' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 -1917

The 192nd (Crow's Nest Pass) Battalion was recruited in the Crow's Nest Pass area straddling the borders of South Western Alberta and South-Eastern British Columbia with mobilization headquarters at Blairmore under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 192nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H.E. Lyon (23rd Alberta Rangers), with a strength of 23 officers and 424 other ranks where in January of 1917 it amalgamated with other Alberta Battalions to form the 21st

Reserve Battalion. The 192nd Battalion was disbanded effective October 12th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 192nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 898001 - 901000.

### **Badges by D.E. Black & Co., Calgary (struck by Inglis?)**

#### **Other ranks**



692-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "D. Black 1916"



692-12-102 Collar

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "D. Black 1916"

#### **Shoulder strap numerals**



692-14-104 Numeral

Gilt lacquer on gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.

#### **Bandsman (?)**





- 692-11-106 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked "D. Black 1916".
- 692-12-106 Collar Silver plate. Pin fasteners. Maker marked "D. Black 1916".

### Officers



- 692-11-108 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Marked "D. Black 1916".
- 692-12-108 Collar Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Marked "D. Black 1916".

### OVERSEAS

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

Very similar to the Black pattern but slightly different shaped maple leaf. The Tudor crown poorly defined likely being struck from a worn punch. The trees and boulders are well defined.

### Other ranks

- 692-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



- 692-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Officers



691-11-112 Cap White metal overlay on brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked'

692-12-112 Collar A matching collar is currently not reported

**The 192nd Battalion embarked for England November 1st where in January of 1917 amalgamated with other Alberta Battalions to form the 21st Reserve Battalion.**

### **193rd 'Nova Scotia Highlanders' (Reinforcing) Bn. 1916 - 1918**

The 193rd (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion was recruited by the 78th Pictou Highlanders and the 93rd Cumberland Regiment in Nova Scotia with mobilization headquarters at Truro under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. Both regiments having previously contributed volunteers to the 13th and 17th Battalions on their formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914, these regiments also later raised the 246th Battalion. The 193rd Battalion embarked for England October 13th 1916 with 32 officers and 1020 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Stanfield (76th Colchester and Hants Regiment, Honorary Colonel), where in January 1917 the 193rd Battalion amalgamated with other Nova Scotia Battalions to form the 17th Reserve Battalion this serving as 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 193rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded February 18th 1918 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 193rd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 901001 - 904000.

The 193rd Battalion had a bugle band and a pipe band of 15 pipers and seven drummers. Only officers and pipers wore highland garb, other ranks wearing regular infantry uniform with a Balmoral cap this with a brown turkey feather hackle blue feather centre behind the badge.

### **Badges attributed to George Hemsley**

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

### **Other ranks**



693-11-102 Balmoral Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



693-12-102 Collar Pickled finish scroll pattern. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

### NCOs



693-11-104 Balmoral Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



693-12-104 Collar Brown finish scroll pattern. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

### Shoulder strap numerals



693-14-106 Numeral

Pickled finish. By Caron Bros. Not Maker marked



693-14-108 Numeral

Brown finish. By Caron Bros. Not Maker marked

### Private purchase souvenir by Hemsley



693-11-110 Balmoral

Natural brass finish.

### Officers Forage cap/collar (?)

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



693-11-112 Cap/collar

Pickled finish maple leaf pattern. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

### Officers



693-11-114 Glengarry Wm overlay on brown OSD. Two piece badges. Lug fasteners. Not marked.

693-12-114 Collar Wm overlay on brown OSD



693-14-114 Numeral Officers (?) Red brown finish. By Caron Bros. Not Maker marked

### **Pipers**

693-11-116 Glengarry Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

693-12-116 Collar Silver plate. (not currently confirmed)

### **OVERSEAS**

#### **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. No officers issues by Tiptaft are reported.

### **Other ranks**





693-11-120 Balmoral Red brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



693-12-120 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

### EATON'S STORES 'SWEETHEART' BADGE

Sweetheart or souvenir badges were very popular amongst wives and mothers with husbands and sons serving with the CEF. These were produced both in Canada and England in various materials including gold, silver and often with elaborate multi-colour enamels. T.E. Eaton's stores sold a series of cap 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.



693-11-122 'Sweetheart' badge. Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

693-11-124 'Sweetheart' badge. Gilt. Silver centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 193rd Battalion embarked for England October 13th where in January 1917 amalgamated with other Nova Scotia Battalions to form the 17th Reserve Battalion.**

### Counterfeit cap badges

The first badge pictured below is believed to be a genuine example the original gilt lacquer finish possibly a pipers badge. The brass badge is a counterfeit the original badge being used to make a mold.



693-11-126 Balmoral

Applied worn gilt finish. Slightly smaller than genuine examples



693-11-128 Balmoral

Pressure cast in natural brass finish.

#### **194th 'Edmonton Highlanders' (Reinforcing) Bn. 1916 - 1917**

The 194th (Edmonton Highlanders) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Edmonton under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.C. Craig (19th Alberta Dragoons) with a strength of 31 officers and 906 other ranks where in January 1917 it merged with the 9th Battalion, Training and Reserve on this being reorganized as the 9th Reserve Battalion. In September 1917 the 9th Reserve Battalion was absorbed by the 21st Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 194th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded October 12th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 194th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 904001 - 907000.

The 194th Battalion had a brass, a bugle and a pipe band of 19 pipers and seven drummers.

#### **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.

694-11-102 Cap

Brown finished brass. Lug or pin fasteners. Not maker marked



694-12-102 Collar

Brown finished brass. Lug or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

**Badges by Jackson Bros but struck by George F. Hemsley Ltd. Montreal.**

**Other ranks**



694-11-104 Cap

Pickled finished. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



694-12-104 Collar

Pickled finished. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



694-14-104 Title

Pickled. Solid. Lug fasteners. Marked 'Jackson Bros'

**NCOs**



694-12-106 Collar Pickled finished. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

694-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.

### **Pipers (?)**

694-11-110 Glengarry Silver plate. Numerals voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

694-12-110 Collar Silver plate. (Not currently confirmed.)

### **Officers**

694-11-112 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

694-12-112 Collar Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lugs or pin fastener. Not maker marked

### **OVERSEAS**

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

Small figures in the numeral '194'.

### **Other ranks**

694-11-114 Balmoral Blackened/pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



694-12-114 Collar Blackened/pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

694-14-114 Title Pickled. Solid. 'EDMONTON HIGHLANDERS CANADA'. Not maker marked

### **Officers**

694-11-116 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



694-12-116 Collar Silver plate. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft

**The battalion embarked for England November 14th 1916 where in January 1917 it merged with the 9th Battalion, Training and Reserve on this being reorganized as the 9th Reserve Battalion.**

### **195th 'City of Regina' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 195th (City of Regina) Battalion was recruited by the 60th Rifles of Canada and the 95th Saskatchewan Rifles these regiments previously having contributed 294 and 171 volunteers respectively to the 11th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The battalion mobilized at Regina, Saskatchewan under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. These two militia regiments also supplied volunteers to the 46th, 68th, 128th, and 152nd Battalions. The 195th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.C. Garner (Corps of Guides), with a strength of 31 officers and 998 other ranks where in January 1917 it amalgamated with the 32nd, 53rd, 188th and 195th Battalions with an additional draft from the 152nd battalion to form the 15th Reserve Battalion. The 194th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded October 12th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 195th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 907001 - 910000.

Two issues of badges were made for the 195th Battalion, one ordered from Wheatley Bros., this struck by P.W. Ellis a second by George H. Lees & Co. Ltd., The Officers badges being finished in enamels.

### **Badges by Wheatley (Struck by Ellis)**

The other ranks badges for the 195th Battalion were originally issued with a gold (gilt) lacquer finish, this removed prior to sailing for England.

695-11-102	Cap	Applied gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'
695-12-102	Collar	Applied gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'
695-14-102	Title	Applied gilt finish. 'CAN/195/ADA'. Marked 'P.W. Ellis/Wheatley Bros'

### **Shoulder strap numerals**

695-14-104	Numeral	Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked.
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### **Bandsman (?)**





- 695-11-106 Cap Brass & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'
- 695-12-106 Collar Brass & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'
- 695-14-106 Title Brass & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'

### Officers

Badges in heavy silver plate with an oval overlay in silver plate with black and white enamels.

- 695-11-108 Cap Silver plate & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'



- 695-12-108 Collar Silver plate & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'
- 695-14-108 Title Silver plate & enamels. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Wheatley Bros'

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



- 695-11-110 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Geo. H. Lees Co 1916



695-12-110 Collar Brown finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



695-14-110 Title Brown finish. Lug fasteners.. Maker marked 'G.H. Lees'

Apparently although initially worn use of the battalion designated shoulder titles was denied April 14th 1916 reading in part "Only universal 'CANADA' with numeral approved".

### **Bandsman (?)**

695-11-112 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

695-12-112 Collar Silver plate. (Not currently reported)

### **Officers**



695-11-114 Cap Brown with gilt wash. Pin fastener.



695-14-116 Title

Gilt wash.



695-12-118 Collar

silver with gilt wash. Pin fasteners.

#### **60th Rifles Reinforcing Draft**

The 60th Rifles 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 2,408301 - 2,413300.

#### **Badges by Tiptaft**

695-13-120 Collar

Browning copper. Short lower stroke on numeral '9'. Lug fasteners. Not marked

#### **95th Saskatchewan Rifles Reinforcing Draft**

The 95th Saskatchewan Rifles 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 2,413301 - 2,418300.

**The 195th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 where in January 1917 it amalgamated with the 32nd, 53rd, 188th and 195th Battalions with an additional draft from the 152nd battalion to form the 15th Reserve Battalion**

#### **196th 'Western Universities' (Reinforcing) Bn. 1916 - 1917**

The 196th (Western Universities) Battalion was recruited from students and former students of a various universities located in the different Provinces of Western Canada. The battalion mobilized at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916 with volunteers also being attested at Saskatoon, Vancouver and Edmonton. The 196th Battalion embarked for England November 1st 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel D.S. MacKay (79th Cameron Highlanders), with a strength of 32 officers and 974 other ranks. In January 1917 the 196th Bn. amalgamated with other battalions raised in Western Canada to form the 19th Reserve Battalion. In October 1917 the 19th Reserve Battalion was absorbed by the 15th Reserve Battalion this becoming the single reinforcing battalion for the Saskatchewan Regiment provided reinforcements to the 5th, 28th, 46th and 1st CMR Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 196th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective 1st September 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers blocks for the 196th Canadian Infantry Battalion were 910001 - 913000 for soldiers attested at Winnipeg, 2,193301 - 2,198300 at Saskatoon, 2,218301 - 2,223300 at Vancouver, and 2,315301 - 2,320300 at Edmonton.

#### **Badges by O.B. Allen.**

Pointed maple leaf the motto ribbons plain.

#### **Other ranks**



696-11-102 Cap Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'



696-12-102 Collar Dark brown finish. 'Fold over' tang fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'



696-14-102 Title Dark brown. 'Fold over' tang fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### NCOs ?



696-11-104 Cap Dark brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'





696-12-104 Collar Dark brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### Shoulder strap numbers

696-14-106 Numeral Dark brown finish large 196. Maker marked 'O.B. Allan'

696-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros.

### Officers/Bandsman (?)



696-11-110 Cap Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

696-12-110 Collar Gilt. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'



696-14-110 Title Dark brown. 'Fold over' tang fastener. Maker marked 'O.B.Allan'

### Badges by unidentified maker

Small size cap collar badges 29mm wide x 31mm. Pin fastener. Blunt maple leaf motto ribbons not framed.

696-11-112 Cap Blackened/brown finish. Pin fasteners. Not maker marked

696-12-112 Collar Blackened/brown finish. Pin fasteners. Not maker marked

### OVERSEAS



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

Blunt maple leaf the motto ribbons framed.

### Other ranks



696-11-114 Cap

Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



696-12-114 Collar

Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

696-14-114 Title

Blackened/brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not marked

**The 196th Battalion embarked for England November 1st where in January 1917 amalgamated with other battalions raised in Western Canada to form the 19th Reserve Battalion.**

### **197th 'Vikings of Canada' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 197th (Vikings of Canada) Battalion was recruited in Western Canada February 1st 1916 with mobilization headquarters at Winnipeg under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The battalion was raised without Canadian Militia affiliation and embarked for England January 26th 1917 with nine officers and 306 OR's under command of Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel H.G. Fonseca. (Presumably associated with a Scandinavian fraternal organization. A lieutenant A.M.G. Fonseca is listed on the roles of the 90th Winnipeg Rifles.) By 1916 the flow of volunteers for the CEF was drying up and various 'specialty' battalions were raised by appealing to different patriotic and ethnic nationalities. Two such Scandinavian battalions were raised in Canada this after the Germans had invaded the Danish Province of Schleswig-Holstien. After its arrival in England the 197th Battalion was absorbed into the 11th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 197th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded September 1st 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 197th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 913001 - 916000.

An additional reinforcing draft for the 197th Battalion was allotted the regimental numbers block 2,095301 - 2,098300.

Badges were produced by both R.J. Inglis Ltd., Montreal and Stanley & Aylward, Toronto.

### Badges by R.J. Inglis Ltd.



697-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'R.J. Inglis Limited'



697-12-102 Collar

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'R.J. Inglis Limited'

### Shoulder numerals and title

697-14-104 Numeral

Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



697-14-106 Title

Caron numeral '197' braised over 'INF' and voided 'CANADA' titles.

### Officers



- 697-11-108 Cap Silver overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
- 697-12-108 Collar Silver overlay on numerals. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**Badges by Stanley & Aylward. Collar badges miniatures of the cap badge.**

- 697-11-110 Cap Pickled finish. Long lug fasteners. Not maker marked
- 697-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Flat back. Flat lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**NCOs**

- 697-12-112 Collar Pickled finish. Flat back. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**Officers service dress. Collars are larger than the other ranks patterns.**

- 697-11-114 Cap Khaki paint. Long lug fasteners. Not maker marked



- 697-12-114 Collar Khaki paint. (Paint removed) Long lug fasteners. Not maker marked

**Officers un-dress. Collar badges are small size.**

- 697-11-116 Cap Sterling silver. Long lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Stanley & Aylward'



- 697-12-116 Collar Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Marked 'Sterling'

**The 197th (Vikings of Canada) Battalion embarked for England January 26th 1917 where after its arrival was absorbed into the 11th Reserve Battalion.**

**198th 'Canadian Buffs' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917**

The 198th (Canadian Buffs) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Toronto in March 1916 being authorized under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 198th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917 with a strength of 31 officers and 841 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.A. Cooper (2nd Q.O.R.). The 198th Battalion was the fourth CEF battalion raised by the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles of Canada this regiment having contributed 975 volunteers to the 3rd Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later formed the 83rd, 95th and 166th Battalions, the Q.O.R. later went on to raise the 255th Battalion. Between February 1917 and March 1917 the 198th Battalion was assigned to the 15th Brigade 5th Canadian Division but withdrawn and merged into the 3rd Reserve Battalion in

April 1917. The 198th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded November 29th 1918 under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 198th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 916001 - 919000.

The 198th Battalion had a large brass band with 33 bandsmen and a bugle band also of 33.

Two different patterns of badges were produced for the 198th Battalion the first being ordered in March 1916 before authorization of the design was granted. A considerable series of letters regarding the 'correct' designs exists in the Canadian Archives. Authority to wear the first pattern badge was denied and the battalion reverted to wearing the General Service maple leaf government issue until the second pattern was finally approved July 24th 1916.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper received authorization from the Commanding Officers of the Buffs, (Royal East Kent Regiment) to adopt the title 'Canadian Buffs' as the title for the 198th Battalion (The 2nd Queen Own Rifles being allied with this Regiment). On receiving this permission, on his own authority, Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper ordered British pattern badges for the 198th Battalion. Later when authority was requested, because of heraldic reasons, permission to adopt the 'Buffs' pattern badge was denied. A modified design with a maple leaf wreath was produced and submitted this also being rejected. Even after the battalion had submitted drawings for the maple leaf design further correspondence continued concerning the right of the battalion to use the term 'Canadian Buffs', (By now all these letters are sent between the Battalion the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. M.D. No.2, thence to Militia Headquarters in Ottawa, who send the answer via the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. to the battalion. The frustration of Major Tidy who was writing for Lt.-Colonel Cooper can be clearly seen in his answer to a letter from a Captain writing for the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. of April 10th 1916, (this the 15th letter in the file of 29 which reads in part), "I beg to point out that the words "Canadian Buffs" are not authorized to be used by you in any way. The design of the badge with therefore have to be modified to omit these words, after which it may again be submitted to Ottawa for the necessary authority.". In reply "in reference to the marginally noted subject, would say that in the view of your statement contained therein I have taken the matter up with Ottawa and take the liberty of pointing out to you that you are quite in error when you say the words "Canadian Buffs" are not authorized to be used by us in any way as we have had our authorization again confirmed.". This did not end the matter as a letter to the 198th from the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. April 22nd 1916 "I beg to say that under definite instructions from Militia Headquarters we again inform you that the sub-title "Canadian Buffs" may not be used by the Battalion under your command. Please govern yourself accordingly. Later correspondence, now from the Quarter Master General Canadian Militia to The General Officer Commanding, Military district No.2 June 7th 1916", I have the honour, by direction, to request that you will now kindly return design of badge for the marginally noted unit when action will be taken.". This again going back down the chain of command and then up again.

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

It is reported that initially the battalion wore British 'The Buffs' pattern badges of the Royal East Kent Regiment.

### **Other ranks. Type 1.**

698-11-102 Cap Gilding metal. Die struck. Not maker marked.



698-12-102 Collar Natural gilding metal. Lug fasteners. 'J.R. Gaunt Montreal' tab on reverse



## Officers



698-11-104 Cap

Cast silver. Fold over tang fasteners. Not maker marked



698-12-104 Collar

Brown OSD. UK Maker possibly by Firmin

## Badges by G.F. Hemsley

### Other ranks



698-11-106 Cap

Brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### NCOs?





698-11-108 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Badges by P.W.Ellis

Cap without dots in the annulus.



698-11-110 Cap Brown finish. Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked P.W. Ellis & Co.



698-12-110 Collar Dark brown finish. E/W lug fasteners. Maker marked P.W. Ellis & Co



688-14-110 Numeral Dark brown finish. Not maker marked

688-14-112 Title Dark brown finish. Numeral as above mounted over 'Canada'

### Shoulder strap numerals



698-14-114 Numeral

Gilt lacquer finish. By Caron Bros not maker marked.



688-14-116 Numeral

Dark brown finish. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

### Officers



698-11-118 Cap

Bronze OSD with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Maker marked P.W.Ellis & Co. Ltd'



698-12-118 Collar

Bronze OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



698-11-120 Cap

Red brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



698-22-122 Cloth Title Gold wire 'Bullion' embroidered on khaki worsted.

### 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.



698-11-130 'Sweetheart' badge. Brown finish with white metal centre. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

**The 198th Battalion embarked for England March 28th 1917. Between February 1917 and March 1917 the 198th Battalion was assigned to the 15th Brigade 5th Canadian Division but withdrawn and merged into the 3rd Reserve Battalion in April 1917.**

### 199th (Duchess of Connaught's Own) Bn. 5th Division 1916 - 1917

The 199th (Duchess of Connaught's Own) Battalion was recruited by the 55th Irish Canadian Rangers at Montreal under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The 55th Irish Canadian Rangers was one of a number of Militia Regiments raised after the start of WWI to attest volunteers. Others regiments raised to organize CEF battalions were the 58th (Westmount) Rifles also located at Montreal, 70th Regiment at Hull Quebec, the 108th Regiment raised at Berlin, Ontario, this later renamed Kitchener, and the 109th and 110th Irish Regiment both from Toronto. The 199th Battalion embarked for England December 20th 1916 with of 26 officers and 834 other ranks under command of Lieutenant-Colonel H.J. Trihey (55th Irish Canadian Rangers), where in February 1917 the battalion was assigned to the 15th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division then in formation in England. Effective May 17th 1917 the 199th Battalion was removed from the establishment of the 5th Division and absorbed into the 23rd Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 199th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective September 15th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 199th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 919001 - 922000.

Two different patterns of badges were produced for the 199th Battalion both by Hemsley. The first pattern

badges were authorized June 28th 1916 and a second pattern authorized November 17th 1916 this produced after H.R.H. The Duchess of Connaught became the Honour Colonel-in Chief of both the 55th Irish Canadian Rangers and the 199th Battalion. An entry in the War Diary of the 199th Battalion April 5th 1917 reads in part "Notification received this day that it has been published in the London Gazette, that His Majesty the King, has been pleased to approve the appointment (as of December 1916) of H.R.H. Duchess of Connaught as Honour Colonel-in-Chief of this Regiment." (The Duchess of Connaught had died March 1917.)

### Badges by Hemsley

Motto ribbon 'Irish Canadian Rangers'

#### Other ranks



699-11-102 Cap

Pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



699-12-102 Collar

Pickled finished. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

#### NCOs

699-12-104 Collar

Pickled finished. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

#### Shoulder numerals and title

699-14-106 Numeral

Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

699-14-108 Numeral

Brown finish. Figures with serifs. Maker unidentified



699-14-110 Title Natural gilding metal. Numeral with serifs maker unidentified.

### Officers



699-11-112 Cap Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.



699-12-112 Collar Sterling silver. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

699-11-114 Cap Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

699-12-114 Collar Pickled finish with silver overlay. Lugs or pin fastener. Not maker marked

### 55th Irish Rangers Reinforcing Draft

The 55th Irish Canadian Rangers reinforcing draft was authorized under General Order 63 of June 15th 1917. Being allotted the regimental numbers block 2,135301 - 2,136300. This draft was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

Proto-type or sample cap badge by G.F. Hemsley. Style of type 1 badge with 'Quis Separabit' motto

699-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. (Picture not available at press time)

### 2nd pattern by Hemsley

With motto ribbon 'Quis Separabit' (Who will separate us?)



## Other ranks



699-11-118 Cap Brass. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

699-12-118 Collar Brass finished. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

## NCOs



699-12-120 Collar Pickled finished. Pin fastener. Not maker marked.

## Officers





699-11-122 Cap Silver. Pin fastener. Marked Sterling



699-12-122 Collar (No overlay) silver plate. Pin fasteners. Not maker marked



699-12-124 Collar Silver plate with silver overlay. Lug fastener. Not maker marked

699-11-126 Cap Brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



699-12-126 Collar Brown OSD. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



699-14-126 Title Pickled finished. Solid. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked.

## OVERSEAS

### Formation patches



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

Only collar badges known numeral and motto ribbons framed



699-12-128 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft

### Sweetheart pin ?



699-17-130 Collar size Gilt. Pin back maker marked T.P. Tansey

### Recruiting Posters







### 200th 'Winnipeg' (Reinforcing) Battalion 1916 - 1917

The 200th (Winnipeg) Battalion was recruited and mobilized at Winnipeg in April 1917 under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. (It would appear that this battalion was raised as an ad hoc battalion from conscripts or depot personnel.) the 200th Battalion embarked for England May 3rd 1917 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.L. Bonnycastle (Honoury rank), with a strength of 17 officers and 477 other ranks where the battalion was absorbed into the 11th Reserve Battalion. Being fully depleted of all ranks the 200th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded July 27th 1917 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918.

The regimental numbers block for the 200th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 922001 - 925000.

### Badges by Birks.

#### Other ranks



700-11-102 Cap

Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'





700-12-102 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'



700-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

### Shoulder strap numerals



700-14-106 Numeral Gilding metal. Maker marked 'Caron Bros 1916'

### Officers



700-11-108 Cap Pickled finish, silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

700-12-108 Collar Gilt with silver numerals. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'

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

Only collars known these flat with framed motto ribbons.



700-12-110 Collar Gilt finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

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