

AUXILIARY SERVICES

A number of patriotic civilian organizations sent personnel to Europe to provide additional services that were over and above those provided by the military. Many other organizations in Canada, such as the Boy Scouts of Canada, collected funds that paid for a marquee capable of holding an entire battalion of 1000+ men for entertainments, just one of three such purchased. Other individuals and organizations provided the funds for film project, theatrical props, and sporting goods.

The Canadian Field Comforts Commission

The Canadian Field Comforts Commission was established at Camp Valcartier in 1914 where it received official recognition when the two ladies in charge were given the honorary rank of Lieutenant in the CEF.



110-11-102 Cap

Gilt



110-11-104 Cap

Modified general Service maple leaf.

The Salvation Army

Four Salvation Army Chaplains are listed as serving in the Canadian Chaplain Service in addition to those serving with in the Auxiliary Services. The Canadian Salvation Army overseas served in its British counterpart in WWI. The Salvation Army operated huts behind the front lines, canteens at the bases and hostels both in France and England. It is estimated that in 1918 300,000 servicemen daily attended Salvation Army establishments.



110-11-110 Cap Small size white metal



110-11-112 Cap Flat. Brown finish



110-11-114 Cap Domed Brown finish. Wire fasteners

Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association)

The YMCA was and is an interdenominational organization founded in England in 1844. The YMCA is not a Church or Sect but acts on behalf of all Canadian Churches in Canada providing Comfort, Entertainment, Athletics, Education and Religion. The association of the YMCA and the Canadian Militia long preceded the Great War. As early as 1871 representatives had attended summer training at Camp Niagara and members had accompanied the Special Service Force to South Africa during the Boer War. Permission was granted for the YMCA to operate at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 with members being granted Honorary military rank. Six 'captain's' sailing with the first contingent but no accomodation was made for YMCA personnel when they arrived in France with the 1st Division in February 1915. In May 1917 authorization for the formal establishment of the YMCA was made with 114 Officers and 265 OR's in England and France this having risen to 140 Officers and 745 OR's (these assigned from the infantry battalions) by the War's end. In France much of this volunteer work was done by the Chaplains but in October 1918 all auxiliary services were brought under control of the YMCA this the only organization authorized to provide auxiliary services. The YMCA Headquarters in France was established at Corps Headquarters with a HQ Company at Corps HQ and a field Company with each division. The other ranks (seconded to the YMCA) were administered through the 9th Canadian Area Employment Company. With all officers and other ranks outside the Corps being administered by the YMCA Military Services Department. The YMCA provided huts where soldiers could relax borrow books and read papers and magazines from Canada, borrow sporting equipment, buy writing materials and tobacco products and goods not otherwise available. The 'Y' served wherever Canadian Troops were located including the Forestry Corps Companies throughout Great Britain and France and both Siberia and Northern Russia. In 1918 the YMCA in Canada raised \$500,000 towards the formation and support of the Khaki University.



110-11-120 Cap Gilding metal.



110-14-120 Title Gilding metal



110-11-122 Cap Enamels on gilding metal



110-12-122 Collar Brown finish.

Sweetheart



110-12-124 Collar Co. Enamels on dull gilt hallmarked sterling. By Goldsmiths & Silversmiths

YMCA (Catholic services)



110-11-126 Cap Enamels on gilding metal



110-12-128 Collar Gilding metal. Flat back. Flat cut sheet brass lugs. Not maker marked



110-12-130 Collar Gilt. Flat back. Flat cut sheet brass lugs. Not maker marked



110-11-132 Cap Enamels on pickled finish



110-12-134 Collar Brown OSD. Lug fasteners. J.R. Gaunt London maker tab



110-12-136 Collar Silver plate. Lug fasteners. J.R. Gaunt London maker tab

Catholic Army Huts (Knights of Columbus)



110-11-138 Cap Brown Finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



110-12-138 Collar Brown Finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



110-11-140 Cap White metal. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



110-12-142 Collar Brown Finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Canadian Women's Volunteer Reserve

The British Canadian Women's Volunteer Reserve was formed in December 1914 as an off shoot of the Women's Auxiliary Corps founded in August 1914. In Canada the uniformed para-military organization had two main aims to 'Free more men for the firing line' & to 'Organize more succor for the helpless ones in the community'. The organization appears to have existed until 1916/17 when it was absorbed into the larger women's organizations.



110-11-150 Cap Pickled Finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

Imperial Munitions Board



110-17-160 Lapel badge Gilding metal. Individually numbered.



110-17-162 Lapel badge
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Gilding metal. Individually numbered. Example with 6 month service