

5th CANADIAN DIVISION

13th Canadian Infantry Brigade

On November 1st 1916 command of the 13th Infantry Brigade as given to Brigadier-General J.F.L. Embury who remained in command from November 1st 1916 until March 11th 1918 when the 13th Brigade was disbanded. The composition of the 13th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division was Headquarters, the 128th Battalion, the 134th Battalion the 160th and 202nd Battalions.

128th Canadian Infantry Battalion
134th (48th Highlanders) Battalion
160th (Bruce) Battalion
202nd (Edmonton Sportsman) Battalion

128th 'Moose Jaw' Battalion 1915 - 1918

The 128th Canadian Infantry Battalion was recruited in Saskatchewan November 19th 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Moose Jaw under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised 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. Both regiments later contributed to the 46th, 68th, 152nd and 195th Battalions. The 128th Battalion embarked for England August 15th 1916 with 32 officers and 985 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel F. Pawlett (16th Light Horse) where in February 1917 the battalion was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division. In February 1918 the 5th Division was declared moribund and disbanded. Each of the 11 remaining battalions, (the 199th having previously been absorbed into the 23rd Reserve Battalion), were ordered to send a drafts of 100 men each to the infantry battalions serving with the Canadian Corps in the field, the remainder being absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 128th Battalion being absorbed into the 15th Reserve Battalion (Saskatchewan Regiment) which formed the reinforcement pool for the 5th, 28th, 46th and 1st CMR Battalions. The 128th Overseas Battalion was disbanded under General Order 149 of September 15th 1920.

The regimental numbers block for the 128th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 781001 - 784000.

Badges by R.J. Inglis Limited

Cap badges with non voided Tudor Crown the collars face.

Other ranks



628-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



628-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals

628-14-104 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked



628-14-106 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

NCOs(?)

628-11-108 Cap Pickled finish (Not currently confirmed)



628-12-110 Collar Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers

628-11-112 Cap Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



628-12-112 Collar Die cast brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



628-14-112 Title Brown OSD finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Bandsman

628-11-114 Cap Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

628-12-114 Collar Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

628-14-114 Title Silver plate. 'CANADA/128 MOOSE JAW'S'. Not maker marked

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Cap badges with blunt maple leaves and framed motto ribbons

Other ranks



628-11-116 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Tiptaft B'ham

Collars with small numeral '128'



628-12-116 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked
Officers. Badges by J.R. Gaunt & Son. Ltd.

The surface of the maple leaf collar badges are textured with small dots.

625-11-118 Cap Blackened finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Marked 'J.R. Gaunt London'

625-12-118 Collar Blackened finish. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Marked 'J.R. Gaunt London'

Modern British Counterfeit



625-11-120 Cap Pressure cast. No reverse die. Blurred detail

134th '48th Highlanders' Bn., 5th Division 1915 - 1918

The 134th (48th Highlanders) Battalion was recruited December 4th 1915 and mobilized at Toronto by the

48th Highlanders of Canada, being authorized under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The 134th Battalion was raised entirely from the 48th Highlanders this regiment previously having provided 836 volunteers to the 15th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raising the 92nd Battalion. The 134th Battalion embarked for England August 9th 1916 with 32 officers and 1078 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A. Miller (48th Highlanders), where it was assigned to the 13th 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 134th Battalion was absorbed into the 12th Reserve Battalion this one of two reinforcing battalions for the 1st Central Ontario Regiment (The second being the 3rd Reserve Battalion.) The 12th Reserve Battalion provided reinforcements for 3rd 15th, 20th and 75th (Toronto) Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 134th Battalion was officially disbanded under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918. The regimental numbers block for the 134th Canadian Infantry Battalion was 799001 - 802000.

The 134th Battalion had a brass band of 33 musicians, a bugle band of 26 and a pipe band of 16 pipers and seven drummers.

Noted in the correspondence between the 134th Battalion and the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. M.D. #2 in the Canadian Archives, regarding the approval of the submitted badge designs is the following in a letter dated January 15th 1915: "I have not yet received official confirmation of the proposed badge for this Regiment. The badge is necessary to give the winter caps worn by the battalion the proper appearance,".

Pattern or prototype collar



634-12-102 Collar 'Gordon Highlanders' 134th Bn. Smooth semi-hollow back with copper wire lugs.

The first badges were produced by P.W.Ellis and are maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'. This pattern has a large buckle and the numeral '134' is textured. The other ranks badges have flat cut sheet copper lug fasteners.



634-11-104 Cap Toronto' Brown finish. Flat lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co.



634-12-104 Collar Brown finish. N/S/ Flat cut sheet copper lugs.. Not maker marked



632-14-104 Title Copper finish. Flat N/S lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Ellis Bros'



634-11-106 Cap Toronto' Brown finish. Round wire lug.s Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co.



634-12-106 Collar Brown finish. Round wire lugs. Not maker marked

Shoulder strap numerals



634-14-108 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Flat topped numeral '3'.

634-14-110 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1916'. Round topped '3' (Not reported)

Officers



634-11-112 Cap
marked

Chocolate brown OSD finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Not maker



634-12-112 Collar

Red/Brown OSD finish. Brass wire lug fasteners. Not maker marked '

Pipers/Officers



634-11-114 Cap

Silver plate. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'P.W.Ellis & Co. Toronto'

Bandsman



634-11-116 Cap

White metal Ellis collar mounted on brown Tiptaft star. Lug fasteners

Sweetheart (?)



634-12-118 Collar

Gilt. Pin fastener

OVERSEAS

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd.

Other ranks



634-11-120 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



634-12-120 Collar

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

Officers



634-11-122 Cap

Red/Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



634-12-122 Collar

Red/Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Post WWI fantasy

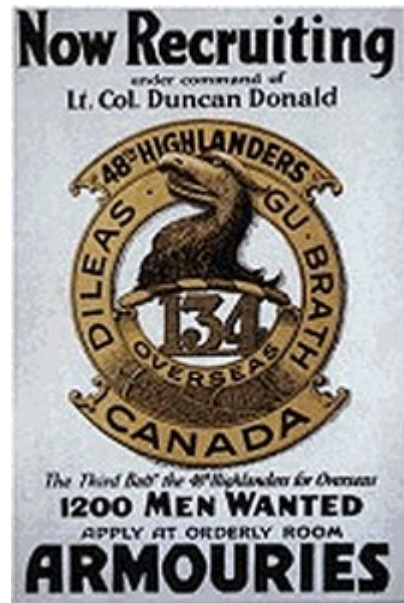
Some of the dies for a collar badge worn left were extensively re-struck in England these in natural gilding metal finish are fitted with slide fasteners and usually offered as beret badges, this type of headdress not being worn in WWI. The slide on this forgery is easily bent with finger pressure



634-12-130 Badge

Brown finish. Slide fastener. Not maker marked

Recruiting Posters



160th 'Bruce' Battalion, 5th Division

The 160th (Bruce) battalion was recruited in Bruce County December 2nd 1915 with mobilization headquarters at Walkerton under General Order 151 of December 22nd 1915. The battalion was raised by the 32nd Bruce Regiment this previously having provided 72 volunteers to the 1st Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914. The motto of the 160th Battalion was Amor Patria (Love of Fatherland) this found below the numeral on the collar badges.) The 160th Battalion embarked for England October 17th 1916 with 31 officers and 978 OR's under command of Lieutenant-Colonel A. Weir (2nd Infantry Brigade), where in February 1917 it was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division. In February 1918 the 5th Division was disbanded each of the 11 remaining battalions, (the 199th having previously been absorbed into the 23rd Reserve Battalion), were ordered to send a drafts of 100 men each to the units in the field and the remainder were absorbed into the Reserve Battalions. The 160th Battalion was absorbed into the 4th Reserve Battalion this the reinforcing battalion for the Western Ontario Regiment, providing reinforcements to the 1st, 18th and 47th Battalions serving with the Canadian Corps on the Western Front. The 160th Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective November 29th 1918 under General Order 135 of December 16th 1918.

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

Officers interim badge



660-11-102 Cap

Wm numerals overlaid on 146th Battalion cap badge.

Badges by G.F. Hemsley Montreal.

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

Other ranks



660-11-104 Cap

Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-104 Collar

Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

NCOs



660-11-106 Cap

Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



660-12-106 Collar

Brown finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked

Shoulder titles and shoulder strap numerals

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



660-22-108 Cloth Title White lettering woven on red worsted

660-14-110 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros. Not maker marked



660-14-112 Numeral Brown finish. Maker marked 'Birks 1915'

660-14-114 Title Natural gilding metal finish 160/CANADA

Hemsley souvenir private purchase

In late 1916 or early in 1917 George F. Hemsley produced an undated catalogue of 'Canadian Overseas Regimental Badges'. This interesting catalogue illustrates many examples of cap and collars that the company had produced for various battalions of the CEF. The facing pages contained a message about the various products available and on the opposite page six illustrations usually of three cap badges with the matching collar badge. These available for purchase as souvenirs. From the information pages it can be determined that all of the majority of these 'souvenir' badges were issued with a pickled finish. This not necessarily the finish on the original battalion issued badges. The vast majority of these badges are encountered in mint un-issued condition unlike those worn in the field.



660-11-116 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-116 Collar Pickled finish. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers



660-11-118 Cap marked White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker

660-12-118 Collar marked Silver overlay on pickled finish. Flat back. Voided. Lug fasteners. Not

660-11-120 Cap Khaki finish. Not confirmed at press time



660-12-120 Collar Khaki finish. Non voided. Die struck. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

660-12-121 Collar marked Khaki finish. Non voided. Semi-flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker



660-12-122 Collar marked Brown OSD finish. Non voided. Flat back. Lug fasteners. Not maker

Bandsman(?)

660-11-123 Cap Silver. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



660-12-123 Collar Silver. Non-voided. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Sweetheart(?)

660-11-124 Cap

Gilt and enamels

Badges by J.W. Tiptaft & Son Ltd. (All ranks)

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



660-11-126 Cap

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners.



660-12-126 Collar

White metal overlay on pickled finish. Lug fasteners.

32nd Bruce Regiment Reinforcing Draft

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

202nd (Edmonton Sportsman) Battalion, 13th Brigade

The 202nd (Edmonton Sportsman) Battalion raised by the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers with mobilization headquarters at Edmonton under General Order 69 of July 15th 1916. The regiment had previously contributed 1247 volunteers to the 9th Battalion on its formation at Camp Valcartier in August 1914 and later raised the 66th and 138th Battalions. The 202nd Battalion embarked for England November 24th 1916 under command of Lieutenant-Colonel P.E. Bowen (19th Alberta Dragoons), with a strength of 27 officers and 746 other ranks where in February 1917 it was assigned to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Division 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 202nd Battalion being absorbed into the 9th Reserve. The 202nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was disbanded effective February 18th 1918 under General Order 82 of June 1st 1918. The regimental numbers block for the 202nd Canadian Infantry Battalion was 231001 - 234000.

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.

702-11-102 Cap

Brown finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

702-12-102 Collar Brown finish. Lugs or pin fasteners. Not maker marked

Badges by Jackson Bros.

Other ranks



702-11-104 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



702-12-104 Collar Pickled finish. N/S Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

702-12-106 Collar Pickled finish. E/W Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



702-14-104 Title Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Maker marked Jackson Bros

NCOs



702-14-108 Title Pickled finish. Pin fastener. Marked 'Jackson Bros'

Shoulder strap numerals

702-14-110 Numeral Gilding metal. By Caron Bros not maker marked.

Officers



702-11-112 Cap Gilt finish. Pin fasteners. Not maker marked



702-12-112 Collar Gilt finish. Pin fastener. Not maker marked



702-14-112 Title Gilt finish. Solid 'CAN/202/ADA' Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Jackson Bros'

Badges by Stanley & Aylward.

Other ranks



702-11-114 Cap Pickled finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



702-12-114 Collar Pickled (finish polished off). Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers

702-11-116 Cap Sterling silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Stanley & Aylward'



702-12-116 Collar Silver. Lug fasteners. Maker marked 'Stanley & Aylward' & 'Sterling'



702-12-118 Collar Silver. Pin fastener. Maker marked 'Stanley & Aylward' & 'Sterling'

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

Large lettering in the motto ribbons with narrow rifle butt design. Collars with narrow figures in the numeral '202'. Numerals on the badges do not touch.

Other ranks



702-11-120 Cap Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked



702-12-120 Collar Brown finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

702-14-120 Title Brown finish. Not currently confirmed)



702-11-122 Cap Blackened finish. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked

Officers

702-11-124 Cap Gilt finish. Lug fastener. Not maker marked

702-12-124 Collar Gilt finish. Lug fastener. Not maker marked



702-14-124 Title Gilt. Lug fasteners. Not maker marked