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1st Divisional Cyclist Company

Background Information

Organized at Valcartier in September 1914 under the command of Captain R. S. Robinson.

Left Quebec 29 September 1914 aboard RUTHENIA.

Arrived in England 15 October 1914.

Strength: 5 officers, 88 other ranks.

Arrived in France 10 February 1915.

1st Canadian Division.

Absorbed by Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion in May 1916.

Disbanded by General Order 208 of 15 November 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 21 Oct 1914 - 14 May 1916

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.4956, folder 500

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 28

DHS file

RG 24, vol.1902, file DHS 5-3-7

Nominal roll on leaving Canada, 1914

RG 9 II B3, vol.79

Canadian Records Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.1987, file M-180-4

Daily Orders

RG 150, vol. 213 = 1915/03/26 – 1916/05/31

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2nd Divisional Cyclist Company

Background Information

Organized at Toronto and Halifax in October 1914 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel G. Y. Denison.

Authorization published in General Order 63 of 15 June 1915.

Platoons from Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Halifax.

Advertised for recruits "possessing more than average intelligence and a high standard of education".

First draft left Montreal 16 May 1915 aboard CORINTHIAN.

Arrived in England 27 May 1915.

Second draft left Halifax 15 June 1915 aboard CALEDONIAN.

Arrived in England 22 June 1915.

Strength: 9 officers, 176 other ranks.

Arrived in France 15 September 1915.

2nd Canadian Division.

Absorbed by Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion in May 1916.

Disbanded by General Order 208 of 15 November 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 15 Oct. 1914 - 12 May 1916

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.4957, folder 500

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 29

Receipts for badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 30

Correspondence re photos (empty)

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 31

Appointment of officers

RG 24, vol.1371, file HQ 593-6-1-CYC

Organization and administration

RG 24, vol.4335, file 2D 34-3-17

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Organization

RG 24, vol.4495, file 4D53-2-1

DHS file

RG 24, vol.1902, file DHS 5-3-7

Muster parades

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.453, file M-82-1

Flares, percussion device (Sgt F. Cooper)

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.3829, folder 9, file 6

Mobilization accounts

RG 24, vol.1521, file HQ 683-44-5

Motor trucks and motorcycles

RG 24, vol.1521, file HQ 683-44-3

Nominal roll leaving Canada, 1915

RG 9 II B3, vol.79

Motorcycles

RG 9 III-A-1, vol.14, file 4-7-3

Canadian Records Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.1087, file M-180-4

Daily Orders

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3rd Divisional Cyclist Company

Background Information

Organized in Toronto in January 1916 under the command of Captain G. B. Schwartz.

Left Halifax 22 January 1916 aboard MISSANABIE.

Arrived in England 30 January 1916 and attached to Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company at Swindon (Chisledon Camp).

Strength: 8 officers, 193 other ranks.

Reorganized at Swindon in February 1916, commanded by Captain L. P. O. Picard.

Arrived in France 27 March 1916.

3rd Canadian Division.

Absorbed by Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion on 20 May 1916.

Disbanded by General Order 208 of 15 November 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 24 March - 11 May 1916

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.4957, folder 501

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23 , file 32

Receipts for badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 33

Mobilization

RG 24, vol.1462, file HQ 593-25-2

Appointment of officers

RG 24, vol.1371, file HQ 593-6-1-CYC

DHS file

RG 24, vol.1902, file DHS 5-3-7

Establishment

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.679, file E-164-2

Organization and establishment, 9-12 Jan 1916

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3865, folder 100, file 3

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Clothing

RG 9 III-A-1, vol.10, file 4-2-41

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4th Divisional Cyclist Company

Background Information

Organized in Toronto in March 1916 under the command of Captain G. L. Berkley.

Personnel obtained from cyclist depot in Toronto.

Left Halifax 1 May 1916 aboard OLYMPIC.

Arrived in England 6 May 1916 and attached to Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company at Swindon (Chisledon Camp).

Strength: 8 officers, 191 other ranks.

Reorganized at Swindon, commanded by Captain G. B. Schwartz.

Broken up at Bramshott in May 1916.

Disbanded by General Order 208 of 15 November 1920.

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Receipts for badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 34

Mobilization

RG 24, vol.1464, file HQ 593-28-2

Appointment of officers

RG 24, vol.1371, file HQ 593-6-1-CYC

Organization

RG 24, vol.4393, file 2D, 34-7-169

Organization

RG 24, vol.4335, file 2D 34-3-17

DHS file

RG 24, vol.1902, file DHS 5-3-7

Canadian Records Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.1087, file M-188-4

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Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion

Background Information

Organized at Abeele in May 1916 under the command of Major A. McMillan.
Formed by amalgamating 1st, 2nd, 3rd Canadian Divisional Cyclist Companies.
Demobilized at Toronto in April 1919.
Disbanded by General Order 208 of 15 November 1920.

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War diary, 12 May 1916 - 31 March 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.4956, folder 499

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 25

Correspondence re badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 26

Honours and awards, Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 27

DHS file

RG 24, vol.1902, file DHS 5-3-7

OMFC file

RG 9 III-A-1, vol.45, file 8-5-12

Billeting

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3877, folder 7, file 1

Designation

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3879, folder 13, file 12

Strength, 4 Dec. 1918 - 23 Jan. 1919

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3893, folder 56, file 20

Operations Arras, 26 Aug. - 4 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3944, folder 56, file 4

Operations, Cambrai, 27 Sept. - 12 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-1, vol.3945, folder 61, file 5

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Establishment , 27 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 1

Nominal rolls of personnel to receive o\’s chevrons, 1 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 2

Congratulatory messages re Amiens, Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 3

Operation orders, Brutinel’s Brigade, 28 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 4

Prisoners of war, 16 Dec. 1918

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 5

Syllabus of training

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 6

Pt II Orders, 1 Jan. - 30 June 1917

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 7

Demobilization

RG 24, vol.1949, file HQ 683-027-1

Inspection reports

RG 24, vol.1949, file HQ 683-927-2

Argyll house file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.3009, file V-153-33

Canadian Records Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.1087, file M-183-4

Daily Orders

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Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company

Background Information

Organized at Shorncliffe in April 1915 as a cyclist depot under the command of Captain F. B. Goodwillie.

Personnel from 9th, 11th, 12th and 17th Canadian Reserve Battalions.

Designated Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company on 19 May 1915 and transferred to Army Cyclist Corps Training Centre at Hounslow. Centre moved to Larkhill in November 1915 and to Chiseldon Camp (near Swindon) in February 1916.

Some personnel transferred to the newly reorganized 3rd Divisional Cyclist Company in February and March 1916.

Moved to Shorehara in July 1917. Ceased to be attached to Army Cyclist Training Centre. Moved to Seaford in October 1917.

Ceased to exist in February 1919.

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War diary, 1915 - 28 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol.4957, folder 502

Correspondence re badges, designation, establishment, historical record, organization

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 35

Receipts for badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol.4681, folder 23, file 36

Muster parades

RG 9 III-A-1, vol.454, file M-158-1

Organization, orderly room

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.472, file 0-87-1

Training syllabus

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 6

Pt II Daily Orders, 1 Jan. - 30 June 1917

RG 9 III-C-2, vol.4005, folder 1, file 7

Demobilization

RG 24, vol.1978, file HQ 683-1052-1

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Argyll House file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.3009, file V-159-33

Canadian Records Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol.1087, file M-182-4

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Part 4 = 1916/06/01 – 1916/12/30

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Part 6 = 1917/07/02 – 1917/12/31

Part 7 = 1918/01/18 - 1918/12/31

Part 8 = 1917/01/01 – 1917/02/08

Part 9 = 1919/01/03 – 1919/03/20