



# Guide to Sources Relating to Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force

## Entrenching Battalions



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### **Entrenching Battalions**

#### **Introduction**

Wire training and reinforcing units for personnel destined for engineer, pioneer and infantry units in the field. They were trained as infantry battalions but they also provided working parties on Royal Engineer work, trench repairs, wiring, road making to front line, carrying parties for front line, burial parties and clearing battlefield etc. In short, they performed labour battalion duties in the Canadian Corps, the Canadian labour battalions being employed in railway duties elsewhere. The entrenching battalions were abolished in September 1917 when the Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp was formed.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Entrenching Battalion

#### **Background Information**

Organized at Canadian Base Depot, Le Havre in July 1916 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Dingwall.

Personnel from Advanced Base.

Disbanded in September 1917 on formation of Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp.

#### **Sources**

In this section, the text in bold is the main topic and the indented part is the archival reference. Use the archival reference to order the document.

#### **War diary, 1 Aug. 1916-30 Sept. 1917**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 716

#### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 1

#### **Correspondence re. badges**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 2

#### **OMFC file**

RG 9 III-A-1, vol. 80, file 10-9-21

#### **Organization and administration**

RG 24, vol. 1810, files GAQ 1-6 and 1-9 (7)

#### **Formation**

RG 24, vol. 1812, file GAQ 4-1

#### **Outline history**

RG 24, vol. 1833, file GAQ 8-34

#### **Organization and establishment**

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3864, folder 99, file 9

#### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 181 = 1918/02/12 – 1918/03/18

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Entrenching Battalion

#### **Background Information**

Organized at Canadian Base Depot, Le Havre in July 1916 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Hill.

Amalgamated with 2nd Canadian Divisional Training Battalion in October 1917 and designated 2nd Divisional Wing Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp.

#### **Sources**

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#### **War diary, 7 Aug. 1916 - 30 Sept. 1917**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 717

#### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 3

#### **Correspondence re. badges**

RG 9 III-D-1 vol. 4709, folder 93, file 4

#### **OMFC file**

RG 9 III-A-1, vol. 80, file 10-9-21

#### **Organization and administration**

RG 24, vol. 1810, files GAQ 1-6 and 1-9 (7)

#### **Formation**

RG 24, vol. 1812, file GAQ 4-1

#### **Outline history**

RG 24, vol. 1833, file GAQ 8-34

#### **Organization and establishment**

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3864, folder 99, file 9

#### **Cdn Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-20-4

#### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 181 = 1916/11/15 – 1918/01/25

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Entrenching Battalion

#### Background Information

Organized at Canadian Base Depot, Le Havre in July 1916 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel A. K. Hobbins.

Personnel from Advanced Base.

Disbanded in September 1917 on formation of Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp.

#### Sources

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#### **War diary, 6 Aug. 1916 - 30 Sept. 1917**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 718

#### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 5

#### **Correspondence re. badges**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 6

#### **Reorganization**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4421, folder 5, file 4

#### **OMFC file**

RG 9 III-A-1, vol. 80, file 10-9-21

#### **Organization and administration**

RG 24, vol. 1810, files GAQ 1-6 and 1-9 (7)

#### **Formation**

RG 24, vol. 1812, file GAQ 4-1

#### **Outline history**

RG 24, vol. 1833, file GAQ 8-34

#### **Organization and establishment**

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3864, folder 99, file 9

#### **Cdn Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-42-4

#### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 181 = 1916/08/14 – 1918/01/26

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Entrenching Battalion

#### **Background Information**

Organized at Canadian Base Depot, Le Havre in July 1916 under the command of Major H. B. Verret.

Personnel from Advanced Base.

Disbanded in September 1917 on formation of Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp.

#### **Sources**

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#### **War diary, 6 Aug. 1916 - 30 Sept. 1917**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 719

#### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 7

#### **Correspondence re. badges**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 8

#### **OMFC file**

RG 9 III-A-1, vol. 80, file 10-9-21

#### **Organization and administration**

RG 24, vol. 1810, files GAQ 1-6 and 1-9 (7)

#### **Formation**

RG 24, vol. 1812, file GAQ 4-1

#### **Outline history**

RG 24, vol. 1833, file GAQ 8-34

#### **Organization and establishment**

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3864, folder 99, file 9

#### **Cdn Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-21-4

#### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 181 = 1916/09/09 – 1917/11/09