

Canadian Expeditionary Force Fonds

Original, 25 cm, 1915-17.

Scope and Content:

Series L 3/1/1-22: Nominal Rolls, 26cm, 1915-17 (original).

Nominal Rolls of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the various battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, contained in 21 volumes. Each volume contains information on the battalion and all the various divisions within it and for each member his or her number, name, rank, Corps, next of kin, address of next of kin, country of birth, where taken on and date taken on. Also included is information as to when and where the unit embarked from Canada for overseas and in which ship it travelled. About 90-100,000 names in all.

- 1) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 1-10.
- 2) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 61-70.
- 3) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 71-80.
- 4) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 81-90.
- 5) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 101-110.
- 6) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 111-120.
- 7) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 121-130.
- 8) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 131-140.
- 9) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 141-150.
- 10) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 161-170.
- 11) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 171-180.
- 12) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 181-189.
- 13) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 191-200.
- 14) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 202-211, 213-220.
- 15) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 221,223,225-6,228-32,234-35,238-40.
- 16) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions 241-43, 245-46, 248, 252, 254-57.
- 17) C.E.F. Artillery Units.
- 18) C.E.F. C.M.R. Units (Canadian Mounted Rifle), Cavalry Units and Cyclists.
- 19) C.E.F. Engineer and Signal Units.
- 20) C.E.F. Siege Batteries and Ammunition Columns.
- 21) Canadian Army Medical Corps Unit and Medical Services.
- 22) C.E.F. Infantry Battalions, 52 (plus 1st and 2nd reinforcing drafts), 1915

Biographical Sketch:

The C.E.F. was composed of troops raised by Canada for service overseas in WWI. Though the force was primarily Canadian in origin and paid for the first three years of the war. By the end, however, it had emerged in effect as a Canadian National Army. Many troops were raised from other areas of the British Commonwealth. The C.E.F. was first formed in 1914 and numbered 31,000. It grew as the war progressed and was at peak strength in 1918 it had reached 388,038. In all 619,636 officers and men served in the force of which 59,544 were fatal casualties. The C.E.F. included a Canadian Corps of 5 divisions (originally only 2 divisions), the Canadian Cavalry

Brigade, the Canadian Forestry Corps, and special units serving in the Caspian area and in Russia.
See Canadian Encyclopedia, volume one, pp.340-41.

Additional Information:

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