



Guide to Sources Relating to Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force

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Introduction

Two of the units described in this section were training units. The third was the only unit in Canadian military history to be composed entirely of personnel of the Jewish faith.

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Young Soldiers' Battalion

Background Information

Organized as Boys' Battalion in July 1917 at Bexhill-on-Sea. Commanded by Major K. L. Palton.

Became the Young Soldiers' Battalion in September 1917.

Moved to Bramshott in October 1917.

Composed of boys under the age of 18 who were drafted from other units.

The boys received a graduated course of training and their general education was improved by a schoolmaster.

Moved to Kinmel Park in October 1918.

Disbanded 7 December 1918.

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Transfers to the battalion

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Part 2 = 1917/08/07 – 1917/11/30

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Part 5 = 1918/05/01 – 1918/07/17

Part 6 = 1918/09/02 – 1918/09/30

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1st Canadian Casualty Training Battalion

Background Information

Organized at Shoreham in October 1916 “to take casualties from the Command Depots, train and harden them and finally draft them to their former unit in France”.

No longer needed after the system of reserve battalions was organized in January 1917. The battalion ceased to exist on 19 February 1917 and its personnel were transferred to 2nd Canadian Command Depot.

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Historical record

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Establishment

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 420, file E-103-1

Transfers to the 4th Cdn Reserve Battalion

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Demobilization

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No. 1 Jewish Reinforcement Draft

Background Information

On 26 July 1916 Captain Isidore Freedman of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars was authorized to raise a draft of five lieutenants and 250 other ranks from among Jews in Montreal who were British subjects.

Authorization published in General Order 11 of 1 February 1917.

Left Halifax 28 March 1917 aboard MISSANABIE.

Arrived in England 6 April 1917.

Strength: 3 officers, 83 other ranks.

Absorbed by 23rd Canadian Reserve Battalion.

Disbanded by General Order 149 of 15 September 1920.

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