



Guide to Sources Relating to Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force

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Army Troops Companies and Canadian Engineers

Introduction

Army Troops Companies and Canadian Engineers worked in the corps area on the construction of defences, accommodation and route communications. In addition, they ran corps workshops and parks, built positions for heavy guns and worked on water supply, frequently in forward areas.

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No. 1 Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers

Background Information

Organized in Ottawa in September 1915 as 1st Fortress Company, Canadian Engineers.

Commanded by Captain K. Stewart.

Personnel drawn from Canadian Engineers Training Depot in Ottawa.

Left Quebec 22 October 1915 aboard CALIFORNIA.

Arrived in England 1 November 1915.

Redesignated as 1st Army Corps Troops Company, Canadian Engineers in November 1915.

Arrived in France 17 January 1916.

1st Canadian Division.

Redesignated as 1st Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers in February 1916.

Demobilized at Ottawa, April 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

Sources

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

War diary, 1 Sept. 1915 - 28 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5002, folder 679

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, folder 96, file 1

Circular re badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 2

Demobilization

RG 24, vol. 1948, file HQ 683-916-1

Daily Orders

RG 150, vol. 255 = 1916/01/29 – 1919/07/28

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No. 2 Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers

Background Information

Organized in Ottawa in August 1915 as 2nd Fortress Company, Canadian Engineers.

Commanded by Captain G.H. Sharo.

Personnel drawn from Canadian Engineers Training Depot in Ottawa.

Left Montreal 6 November 1915 aboard SCANDINAVIAN.

Arrived in England 16 November 1915.

Redesignated as 2nd Army Corps Troops Company, Canadian Engineers in November 1916.

Demobilized at London, Ontario April 1919

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

Published "Busy Beaver" April - December 1916

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War diary, 18 Jan. 1916 - 31 March 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5002, folder 680

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 3

Circular re badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 4

Diagrams of bridges, 17 Nov. 1916

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4424, folder 1, file 1

Demobilization

RG 24, vol. 1948, file HQ 683-917-1

DHS file

RG 24, vol. 1908, file DHS 5-9-6

Daily Orders

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No. 3 Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers

Background Information

Organized in Shorncliffe in May 1916 under the command of Major E. S. Hill.

Personnel drawn from Canadian Engineers Training Depot in Shorncliffe.

Arrived in France 10 June 1916.

3rd Canadian Division

Demobilized at Toronto in April 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 December 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 10 June 1916 - 28 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5002, folder 681

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 5

Circular re badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 6

Demobilization

RG 24, vol. 1948, file HQ 683-918-1

Establishment

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 679, file E-177-2

Trench mortars claimed by the company 3 Aug. - 5 Oct. 1917

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3890, folder 46, file 29

Strength, 3 Dec. 1918 - 3 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3894, folder 58, file 22

60 army books containing correspondence, memoranda etc. on a wide variety of subject 24 June 1916 - 11 Oct. 1918. See finding aid for a description of the contents of each book.

RG 9 III-C-5, vols. 4424-4425, folders 1-5

Action to be taken in case of attack, McPhail's Brigade, 12 April - 20 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 5, file 1A

Handing over statements, Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 5, file 2A

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No. 4 Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers

Background Information

Organized in Crowborough in October 1916 under the command of Major C. B. Russell.

Personnel drawn from Canadian Engineers Training Depot in Shorncliffe.

Arrived in France 22 January 1918.

4th Canadian Division

Demobilized at Halifax in April 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 21 Jan. 1917 - 28 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5002, folder 682

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 7

Circular re badges

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 8

Demobilization

RG 24, vol. 1949, file HQ 683-919-1

Strength, 3 Dec. 1918 - 3 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-C-1, vol. 3894, folder 58, file 22

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No. 5 Army Troops Company, Canadian Engineers

Background Information

Organized in Crowborough in April 1917 under the command of Major E. R. Vence.

Personnel drawn from Canadian Engineers Training Depot.

Arrived in France 28 June 1917. Under the command of CRE Corps Troops, Canadian Corps until November 1917 when it came under the command of CRE VIII and, later, XIII Corps of the British Army. It was returned to the Canadian Corps in March 1918.

Demobilized at Winnipeg in April 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

Sources

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War diary, 30 June 1917 - 28 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vols. 5002-5003, folder 683

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4710, folder 96, file 9

Demobilization

RG 24, vol. 1949, file HQ 683-920-1

Method of destruction, depots, bombs, shells, grenades, 14-21 Oct. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 1

Scheme of work to be undertaken by a battery to obtain cover, Feb. and April 1917.

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 2

Badges and patches, 12-24 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 3

Instructions re bridging, Sains les Marquion, 6 Feb. - 6 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 4

Instructions re. burials and cemeteries, 22 July 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 5

Notes on camouflage screens, July 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 6

Drawings, of First Army musketry camp at Matringhem, Dec. 1917 - 22 March 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 7

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Notes on construction of Seaview Camp, 20 Feb. - 26 Aug. 1918.

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 8

List of work for Chinese labour companies 22-23 July 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 9

First Army instructions re defences, 7-13 April 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 10

Discipline: field punishment, etc., 28 July 1917 - 4 Dec. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 13

Dumps, Haute Ville, 11 Oct. 1917 - 24 July 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 14

Machine gun (Champagne type) and trench mortar emplacements, June 1917 - Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 15

Notes on explosives, 6 April 1917 - 13 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 16

Notes on demolition of British field works, 24 Aug. 1917 - 31 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 17

German field works, 15 Aug. 1917 - 6 June 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 18

Report on gas shell bombardment of Cypres, precautions against gas, new German report on gas, 11-18 Aug. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 19

Machine and Lewis guns, 9-12 March 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4425, folder 1, file 20

Army books containing correspondence, etc. re: pay, leave, billets, location of stores and materiel, nominal rolls of officers, bridging equipment, location, small arms ammunition, claims, work reports, working parties, casualties, clothing, distribution returns of labour, denomination, location returns, remounts, vehicle return, strength return, personnel, rations, postings, bridging, transport, 16 April 1918 - 15 Jan. 1919.

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 2

Honours and awards, 30 Nov. 1917 - 18 Jan. 1919

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 1

Nissen Bow Huts, bell tents, 20 July 1917 - 14 Jan. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 2

Engineers instructions, 29 Oct. - 4 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 3

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Intelligence, 1 Jan. - 1 June 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 4

Maps showing tramways proposals, corps boundaries, enemy organization etc., 27 Sept. - 29 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 5

Reports on mines and booby traps, 8 Sept. - 30 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 6

Mobilization, 2 April - 28 June 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 7

Moves and reliefs, 2 Sept. - 2 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 8

Engineers instructions re: Bourslon Wood operations, 25, 26 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 9

Information re Canal du Nord operations, 23, 24 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 10

Instructions re. Cambrai operations, 6-7 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 11

Instruction re: Drocourt-Quéant line operations, 28 Aug. - 1 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 12

Organization of a regimental sector, 18 July 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 13

First Army circular letter re railroads, 10 Aug. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 14

Nominal rolls of reinforcements, 5 Sept. - 25 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 15

Sketch of horse standings, 18 Aug. - 31 Oct. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 16

Report on craters, 8 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 17

Salvage vats in oil factory, 28 June - 22 July 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 18

Economy in sandbags, 6 Nov. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 19

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Drawings of latrines, ablution bench baths, 26 April - 28 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 20

Analysis of signal traffic, 8 Sept. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 21

Detail of oil drum, 17 Aug. 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 22

German Elfriede tanks, 1 June 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 23

Educational scheme, 8 March 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 24

Transfer of 5th Army Troops Company to VIII Corps, 5 May 1918 - 19 Jan. 1919

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 25

Notes on mined trenches and dugouts, 16 Aug. 1916 - April 1917

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 26

Specifications for water supply, 25 April 1917 - 13 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 27

Details of work and working parties, 19 April - 28 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4426, folder 3, file 28

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