



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

**Signal Service, Canadian Engineers**



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### **Signal Service, Canadian Engineers**

#### **Introduction**

Visual signalling and telephony were the responsibility of the Signal Service throughout the war. Telegraphy was a function of the Canadian Engineers.

The telephone soon became the vital means of communication in France and Belgium and signal companies were increasingly occupied in the laying, maintenance and repair of air lines and cables.

Divisional signal companies consisted of a headquarters section, a wireless section and two cable sections. The companies provided telephone and wireless service (including policing and interception) and visual signalling. Each had motorcycle dispatch riders, a pigeon service and personnel for airline and cable construction, electric light and battery charging. They also operated repair shops for mechanical transport and for telephone, telegraph and wireless instruments.

The Signal Service of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces came under the command of the Canadian Engineers.

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### Canadian Corps Signal Company

#### Background Information

Organized at the Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Shorncliffe in September 1915 as Canadian Corps Headquarters Signal Company Royal Engineers.

Commanded by Captain R. H. Willan.

Composed of headquarters, No. 29 Airline Section and No. 31 Airline Section, R. Cable Section, and AD Cable Section, all Royal Engineers.

Arrived in France on 15 September 1915.

Canadian Cable and airline sections joined company after May 1916.

Became Canadian Corps Signal Company, Canadian Engineers on 23 January 1917.

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#### **Honours and awards**

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#### **Diagram of badges**

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4436, folder 2, file 2

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, Canadian Engineers

#### Background Information

Organized at Valcartier in August 1914 under the command of Major F. A. Lister.

Personnel from the Permanent Force, from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th Signal companies of the NPAM and from Canadian Telegraph and Telephone companies.

Left Quebec 28 September 1914 aboard MONMOUTH and ANDANIA. (“About 50 other ranks were detailed to the different boats of the convoy for the purpose of communication owing to the fact that the use of wireless was prohibited”).

Arrived in England 18 October 1914.

Strength: 14 officers, 252 other ranks.

Arrived in France 11 February 1915.

Strength: 6 officers, 204 other ranks,

1st Canadian Division.

Demobilized at Toronto in May 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 210 of 15 November 1920.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.

#### Background Information

Organized at Ottawa in November 1914 under the command of Major J. L. H. Bogart.

Authorization published in General Order 36 of 15 March 1915.

Personnel from Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Ottawa.

Left Montreal 15 May 1915 aboard MEGANTIC.

Arrived in England 24 May 1915.

Strength: 9 officers, 313 other ranks.

Arrived in France 13-15 September 1915.

2nd Canadian Division.

Demobilized at Toronto in May 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 210 of 15 November 1920.

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4442, folder 5, file 4

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4442, folder 5, file 5

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**Operation orders, 2nd Canadian Division 11 Jan. 1917 - 13 March 1918**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4442, folder 6, file 2

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4442, folder 6, file 4

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### **Wireless liaison between 31st (French) Corps and Australian Corps, 11 May 1916 - 12 Sept. 1918**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.**

#### **Background Information**

Organized in France in December 1915 under the command of Major T. E. Powers. Personnel from 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, Royal Canadian Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 42nd and 49th Battalions.

3rd Canadian Division.

Demobilized at Ottawa in March 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 210 of 15 November 1920.

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

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##### **Honours and awards**

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##### **Demobilization**

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**Daily Orders**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.**

#### **Background Information**

Organized in Ottawa under the command of Captain J. R. Beggs.

Authorization published in General Order 69 of 15 July 1916.

Left Halifax 17 March 1916 aboard LAPLAND.

Arrived in England 25 March 1916.

Strength: 5 officers, 198 other ranks.

Disbanded on arrival at Canadian Engineer Training Depot, Shorncliffe.

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##### **Nominal roll on leaving Canada, 1916**

RG 9 III-A-1, vol. 79

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.

#### Background Information

Organized in Ottawa in March 1916 under the command of Lieutenant F. H. M. Jones.

Authorization published in General Order 69 of 15 July 1916.

Left Halifax 22 May 1916 aboard BALTIC.

Arrived in England 31 May 1916.

Disbanded on arrival at Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Shorncliffe.

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.

#### **Background Information**

Organized in Shorncliffe in May 1916 under the command of Major A. G. Lawson.

Personnel from Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Shorncliffe.

Arrived in France 12 August 1916. 4th Canadian Division.

Demobilized at Toronto in June 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 210 of 15 November 1920.

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##### **Historical record**

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##### **Circular re. badges**

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##### **Honours and awards, Amiens**

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4444, folder 1, file 2

##### **Report of two airmen brought down north of Cambrai, 20 Sept. 1918**

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4444, folder 1, file 8

### **Defence schemes, XVIII Corps and 4th Canadian. Division, 11 May - 7 Sept. 1918**

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### **Limits placed under Cavalry Corps for actions, 28 Aug. 1918**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4444, folder 1, file 14

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RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4445, folder 3, file 1

**Company orders, Pts I and II, 20 May 1916 - 31 Dec. 1917**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4445, folder 3, file 2

**DP.LS schedule, Signal Service, 31 July 1918**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4445, folder 3, file 3

**Topographical: NW and SE Haycourt, 21 Sept. 1918**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4445, folder 3, file 4

**Transport aux traffic, forward areas, 13 July 1918**

RG 9 III-C-5, vol. 4445, folder 3, file 5

**Canadian Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1150, file 5-10-4

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.

#### **Background Information**

Organized in Witley in January 1917 under the command of Captain W. M. Miller. Personnel from Signal Company, Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Crowborough. Detachment proceeded to France in August 1917 with the 13th and 14th Brigades, Canadian Field Artillery. Remainder of company disbanded at Witley in February 1918.

#### **Sources**

##### **War diary, company at Witley, 29 Jan. 1917 - 31 Jan. 1918**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5005, folders 694-695

##### **War diary, detachment in France, 20 Aug. 1917 - 31 May 1919**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5006, folders 694-695

##### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4711, folder 97, file 24

##### **Circular re. badges**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4711, folder 97, file 25

##### **Canadian. Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1150, file 5-11-4

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### **6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Divisional Signal Company, C.E.**

#### **Background Information**

Organized at the Engineers Training Depot, St-Jean in August 1918 under the command of Major W. McIntosh.

Arrived at Vladivostock, 27 February 1919.

Returned to Vancouver in June 1919.

Disbanded by General Order 215 of 15 November 1920.

#### **Sources**

**War diary, advance party of company, 26 Oct. 1918 - 31 May 1919**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5057, folder 960

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### Cable Section

#### Background Information

CA, CB and CD Cable Sections organized at the Canadian Engineers Training Depot in February 1916 as part of the programme to convert Canadian Corps signal from Royal Engineer.

CD Section arrived in France 25 April 1916.

CA and CB Sections arrived in France 26 May 1916. Strength of each section: 1 officer, 35 other ranks.

CE Section organized at Shorncliffe 20 August 1916.

Arrived in France 10 October 1916.

Attached to Canadian Corps Signal Company 16 October 1916 CF Section organized at Crowborough in November 1916.

Arrived in France in January 1917.

Formed Canadian Corps Signal Company 10 January 1917.

CA, CB and CD Sections disbanded and re-formed as CG and CH Cable Sections.

All Cable Sections disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

#### Sources

##### Establishment, CF Section

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 420, file E-106-1

##### Establishment, CE Section

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 425, file E-240-1

##### Establishment, CA Section and CB Section

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 679, file E-179-2

##### Establishment, CE Section

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 680, file E-196-2



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### No. 57 Motor Airline Section

#### **Background Information**

Organized at Shorncliffe in January 1916 as Canadian Overseas Motor Airline Section.

Redesignated in sequence with the numbering of similar British units.

Commanded by Lieutenant H. W. Dowson.

Establishment: 1 officer, 40 other ranks.

Personnel from Signal Reserves, Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Shorncliffe.

Arrived in France 26 May 1916. Allotted to Canadian Corps Signal Company.

Constructed and repaired telegraph lines.

Redesignated No. 1 Canadian Motor Airline Section on 18 June 1918.

Disbanded by General Order 192 of 1 November 1920.

#### **Sources**

##### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4711, folder 98, file 8

##### **Establishment**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 679, file E-178-2

##### **Organization, 25 May 1916**

RG 9 III-C-12, vol. 4606, folder 2, file 2

##### **Canadian Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1150, file 5-5-4

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### No. 2 Canadian Motor Airline Section

#### Background Information

Organized at Ottawa.

Personnel from Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Ottawa

Arrived in England 1st June 1916

Absorbed by Canadian Engineers Training Depot, Shorncliffe.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop, CE

#### **Background Information**

Organized at Canterbury in April 1915 under the command of Captain L.P. Haviland.

Composed of Royal Engineers personnel.

Establishment: one officer, 23 other ranks.

Arrived in France 17 June 1915.

Demobilized at Bramshott in April 1919.

#### **Sources**

##### **War diary, 1 Aug. 1915 - 30 April 1919**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5006, folder 695

##### **Historical record**

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4711, folder 97, file 6

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

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4711, folder 97, file 7

##### **Canadian Records Office file**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1150, file 5-15-4

##### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 207

Part 1 = 1916/02/07 – 1916/12/31

Part 2 = 1917/01/04 – 1919/02/28

Part 3 = 1915/10/02 – 1915/11/31

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### **Canadian Corps Wireless Section, C.E.**

#### **Background Information**

Organized in France in November 1916 under the command of Lieutenant J.C. Manson.

Reorganized into corps and divisional detachments in July 1917.

Absorbed into divisional signal companies.

#### **Sources**

##### **War diary, 1 Dec, 1916 – 30 June 1917**

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5006, folder 695-699

##### **Canadian Records**

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1150, file 5-3-4

##### **Daily Orders**

RG 150, vol. 257 = 1916/11/22 – 1917/08/31