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Introduction

The employment companies came under the direct command of Canadian Corps or Divisional Headquarters. Personnel were lent to other units (e.g. mobile veterinary, town majors, divisional trains and ammunition columns) for short periods or were employed at headquarters. Company personnel performed a wide variety of duties (traffic control, salvage operations, water police, road building), formed burial and salvage parties, worked in sanitary sections, divisional baths, Church Army and YMCA huts, ammunition dumps and were employed at headquarters as orderlies, batmen, grooms, clerks, cooks, waiters, guards and picquets. One company had a concert party and a band.

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1st Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Authorized in June 1917 under the command of Major J. R. Vicars.

Arrived in France 10 June 1917.

Company ceased to exist 6 February 1919; personnel returned to original units.

The 1st Canadian Division's concert party, the Volatiles, as well as a 30 piece band, were included in the company.

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, 5 June 1917 - 6 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5008, folder 711

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 11

Distribution, 29 April - 30 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 2

Canadian Record Office file

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

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2nd Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized at Bruay, France in June 1917 under the command of Major D. Sharpe.

Company ceased to exist 6 Feb. 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 16 June 1917 - 6 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5008, folder 711

Distribution, 10 March - 23 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 3

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-2-4

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3rd Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized at Boulogner in June 1917 under the command of Major E. R. Hall.

Personnel from various depots in England.

Sources

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War diary, 9 June 1917 - 31 Dec. 1918

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5008, folder 712

Nominal rolls of officers

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 2236, file N-45-29

Distribution, 7 April - 8 Nov. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 4

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-3-4

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4th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized in Bramshott in June 1917 under the command of Captain J. H. A. Acers.

Arrived in France 9 June 1917.

Absorbed by 8th Canadian Area Employment Company on 27 January 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 8 June 1917 - 31 Dec. 1918

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5008, folder 712

Canadian Record Office file

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

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5th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized in England in June 1916 under the command of Captain A. L. Brick.

Designated Canadian Corps Headquarters Employment Company.

Arrived in France 29 June 1917.

Redesignated as 5th Canadian Area Employment Company on 11 August 1917.

Ceased to exist on 6th February 1919: personnel returned to original units.

Sources

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War diary, 28 June 1917 - 6 Feb. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 713

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 12

Distribution, 7 April - 25 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 5

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-5-4

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6th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Formed at Canadian Corps Headquarters, France in August 1917 under the command of Major J. Agnew.

Absorbed by 8th Canadian Area Employment Company on 13 January 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 23 June 1917 - 31 Dec. 1918

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 713

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 12

Distribution, 7 April - 18 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 6

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-6-4

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7th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized in France in September 1917 under the command of Major J. R. Vicars.

Absorbed by 8th Canadian Area Employment Company on 17 January 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 21 Aug. 1917 - 23 Jan. 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 714

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 12

Distribution, 9 April - 31 Aug. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 7

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-7-4

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8th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized in France in September 1917 under the command of Major D. H. McLean.

Personnel from Composite Company, Canadian Corps.

Served in V and XIII (British) Corps, October - November 1917. Returned to Canadian Corps in November 1917.

Absorbed 4th, 6th and 7th Canadian Employment Companies in January 1919.

Ceased to exist on 9 May 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 28 Sept. 1917 - 9 May 1919

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 714

Historical record

RG 9 III-D-1, vol. 4709, folder 93, file 13

Distribution, 7 March - 30 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6. 4451, folder 4, file 8

Demobilization

RG 4, vol. 1973, file HQ 683-988-1

Canadian Record Office file

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 1087, file L-8-4

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9th Canadian Divisional Employment Company

Background Information

Organized at Hersin in July 1918 under the command of Captain R. Pearson.

Ceased to exist on 4 February 1919.

Sources

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War diary, 25 July 1918 - 4 Feb. 1919.

RG 9 III-D-3, vol. 5009, folder 715

Organization

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 974, file 0-142-3

Establishment

RG 9 III-B-1, vol. 942, file E-111-3

Establishment, 22 July 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4449, folder 1, file 5

Distribution, 11 March - 23 Oct. 1918

RG 9 III-C-6, vol. 4451, folder 4, file 9

Canadian Record Office file

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