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(January, 1920.)

At the outbreak of war there was no military force in Newfoundland. There
was, however, a pre-War Establishment of 580 Naval Reservists, besides local boys'
brigades.

Newfoundland contributed to the fighting forces of the Empire 11,922 all ranks, consisting of 9,326 men for the Army, 2,053 men for the Royal Naval Reserve, 500 men

for the Newfoundland Forestry Corps, and 43 nurses.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment furnished a battalion for the Gallipoli campaign, and sent 4,253 men to France and Belgium, suffering the following casualties:—

Killed in action ar	d died	of wou	nds	 	1,082
Died from other ca	auses			 	95
Missing				 	18
Prisoners of war				 	152
Wounded				 	2,314
. Total				 	3,661

3,000 Newfoundlanders enlisted in the Canadian and other forces (outside Newfoundland) but there is no statistical record of casualties regarding them, although it is known they were heavy.

	Mo	ney, de		
Total receipts-				\$
Cot Fund†			 	129,200.52
Aeroplane Fund			 	53,487.45
Red Cross Fund			 	151,500.00
Patriotic Fund			 	166,687.16

A War Loan of \$6,000,000.00 was raised by Newfoundland.

A large quantity of Red Cross material, &c., was sent from the Dominion during the war to the various organizations overseas in addition to many thousands of dollars

worth of comforts for the troops.

Newfoundland provided the pay and allowances of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment (6,326 all ranks) and made up the difference in pay to bring the Royal (Newfoundland) Naval Reserve to the same scale as that of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, besides equipping the Royal Newfoundland Regiment before proceeding overseas.

Grand totals of Newfoundlanders raised for the war up to 11th November,
 1918:—

(a.) The Royal Newfoundland Regiment		All ranks. 6,264
(b.) The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, recruited in Great Britain		
(c.) The Newfoundland Forestry Corps (non-combatant)		498
(d.) The Newfoundland Forestry Corps, recruited in Great Britain		2
(e.) The Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) (pre-War Establishm	ent)	580
(f.) The Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) raised since August,	1914	1,473
(g.) Enlisted in other units in Canada and elsewhere (estimated)		3,000
(h.) Nurses serving overseas		43
(iii) Ithias sorting ordinates in the initial initial in the initial		11.922

* Based on information supplied by the High Commissioner for Newfoundland.

[†] Instead of maintaining a hospital overseas, Newfoundland supported 301 beds in addition to 32 in Newfoundland.

 Of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 183* officers and 5,248* other ranks proceeded from the United Kingdom to theatres of war, of whom 38 officers and 1,140 other ranks served in Gallipoli.

145 officers and 4,108 other ranks served in France or Belgium.

Note.—The latter does not include officers and men who were transferred from Gallipoli to France or Belgium in 1916.

- 5. Casualties in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment (see next page).
- 6. In the Newfoundland Forestry Corps two men were accidentally killed.
- 7. In the Royal (Newfoundland) Naval Reserve there were :-

Killed in action	1						167
Invalided out							124
Sent home for	discharge	on	completion	of	term of ser	vice	279

8. There are no figures available for casualties in regard to Newfoundlanders in forces not administered by the Newfoundland Government, i.e., 2 (g).

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Τ.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment (Overseas).

	, X	ombatant	
Number of men sent from Newfoundland Enlisted or commissioned in Great Britain		 4,984 62	
Total		 5,046	

11.

State of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at 31st December, 1919.

1.	Killed in action		 	588
2.	Killed accidentally (British Expeditionary Force)		 	1
3.	Died of wounds (including 15 in German hands)		 	254
	Missing (presumed dead)		 	259
5.	Died of sickness (including 15 in German hands)		 	95
6.	Died by suicide		 	1
7.	Died by violence (in German hands)	***	 	1

762					
8.	Found drowned (in Great Britain)				1
9.	Accidentally drowned (whilst bathing, France)			***	1
10.	Died as result enemy air raid on hospital, France				1
11.	Died by misadventure (in Great Britain)				1
12.	Repatriated to Newfoundland				3,632
13.	Retired or ischarged in Great Britain (75 of whom	were s	ibseque	ently	166
	repatested).				10
14.	D: serted				10
15.	Transferred to other corps (not including Newfoundle	and Fo	restry (Corps)	18
16.	Remaining in Great Britain—				_
	(a) In hospital				7
	(b.) Pay and Record Office (London) on duty				10
	(c.) Elsewhere Great Britain				-
	the same of France of Maintains and the				

Total

5,046

III.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Casualties as at 31st December, 1919.

618	Kil	led.		d of inds.		ed, causes.	Wo	unded.	Miss	sing.		ri- ers.	Т	otal.
Expeditionary Force or Place.	(Mcers.	Other ranks.	Officers.	Other ranks.	Officers,	Other ranks.								
British Mediterranean Ex- peditionary Force (Gallipoli). British Expeditionary Force United Kingdom	1 28	17 543		13 223†		18 40‡ 44	7 58	86 2,163	85	251§	6	144	8 117	3,364 44
Totals	29	560	17	236		102	65	2,249	8.	251	6	144	125	3,545

Including 1 in enemy hands. † Including 14 in enemy hands. † Including 16 in enemy hands.
 § Of whom 8 officers and 251 other ranks are presumed dead.

IV.

Newfoundland Forestry Corps (Overseas).

Number of men sent from Newfoundland Enlisted or commissioned in Great Britain	 	All ranks 479 2
Total	 	481

[·] Including officers and men who may have proceeded Overseas several times.

1.	Discharged to Newfo	oundlane	d		 	 476
2.	Discharged in Great	Britain			 	 2
3.	Accidentally killed				 	 2
4.	Found drowned				 	 1
			Total	***	 	 481

Silver medals given to 30,000

Conimemorative medals are struck from time to time to mark important anniversaries and other great occasions. The most recent of these events was the Centennial of Confederation in 1967, and before that a medal was issued at the time of the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

In keeping with that tradition, a medal was created in 1977 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign.

The medal, measuring one and one-quarter inches in diameter is made from sterling silver (.925) and produced by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The award of the Queen's Jubilee Medal is an expression of appreciation of the worthy and devoted service rendered by the recipients in their various walks of life and the esteem in which they are held by their associates.

In order that the list of those to be honored will be representative of all the regions of Canada, agencies of government at the federal, provincial and local levels have been invited to propose the names of candidates for the Medal. National organizations in every important field of endeavor, including the professions, education and arts, veterans' groups, sports associations, philanthropic, charitable bodies and welfare services were also asked to participate by submitting nominations.

Thirty thousand Canadians are receiving the following letter, written in both English and French, from Governor-General Jules Leger, Rideau Hall, Ottawa:

"On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the accession of H. M. the Queen to the throne, the accompanying medal is presented to ..." — and here the recipient's name is typed in.

The medal is silver with an engraving of Queen Elizabeth wearing a large crown; on the obverse side is a stylized maple leaf with the inscription "CANADA 1952 ER 1977." It's on a red white and blue striped ribbon with a little metal bar-pin.

No reason is given as to why the person is being so honored, and so it's puzzling, particularly to the man who received two of them.



Canadian forces get medal for rescue role

LAHR, West Germany (CP) — Italian Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga yesterday presented the Italian gold medal for civil valor to Canadian Forces Europe.

The award recognizes the Canadian military contribution to relief operations following the Mah 1976 earthquake in the Friuli region of Northeast Italy.

A gold medal was also presented posthumously to Captain Ronald McBride of Toronto, a Canadian Forces helicopter pilot

LAHR, West Germany killed during the opera-

There were 350 combat engineers and medical specialists engaged in the operation named Dolomite. But because it involved members from all units, the medal was awarded to the entire force.

Two West German army engineer units have also received the medal for their assistance during the operation.

The gold medal for civil valor dates from 1793 when it was instituted by Victor Amedeus II to reward acts of bravery by junior officers and soldiere

Major-General Charles Belzile, commander of the force, received the medal and announced it would be displayed in the foyer of the forces' headquarters.



1. VICTORIA CROSS (V.C.).

	Rank.		No.
Lieutenant-Col			
Major	annone.		. 2
Captain	a b b a	rê-rêmub.	8
Lacuteront		Acres and	17
Sergeout			10
Corporal		iii.	10
Private			14
W			_
Total			- 61

2. THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH. (Instituted 1999.)

KNIGHT COMMANDER (K.C.B.).	
Lieutenant-General	3 5
Total	5
CUMPANION (C.B.).	
Major-General Brigadier-General Colonel	4 29 10
Total	43

THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE. (Instituted 1818).

Lieutenast-General	- 1
KNIGHT COMMANDER (K.C.M.G.).	
Major-General	
COMPANION (C.M.G.).	
Major-General Beimdier-General	36
Surgeon Goneral. Colonal Lieutenant-Colonal Major Chaplain	7

4. THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER. (Instituted 1894.)

MEMBER (M.V.O.).	
Lieutemant-Colonel	1
Total	. :

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

(Instituted 1917.)

COMMANDER (C.B.E.).	
Colonel Lieutenant-Colonel Major Chaplain Matron	19 26
Total	48
OFFICER (O.B.E.),	No.
Colonei Lisuteanat-Colonei Mayor Caprain Lieutenati Chaplain Matron	105
Total	253
Мемяки (М.В.Е.),	-
Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Captain Lieutenant. Lieutenant. Regimental Sergeant-Major Company Sergeant-Major Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant Sergeant Major	12 29 43
Total	97

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER (D.S.O. with Bars). (Instituted 1886.)

Rank.	Bare.	No
Major-General	1 6	1
Colonei Lieutenant-Colonei	63	203
Captain	1	55 32
Chaplain	-	Ŀ
Total	103	705

: MILITARY CROSS (M.C.) With Bars. Instituted 1915.)

Hank.	Bars.	No.
da'.	345	95 896 1,507 25 46
Total	310	2,857

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (D.F.C.) With Bars. (Instituted 1918.)

Rank.	Dars.	No.
V of	- 1 3	18 20
Total	4	39

AIR FORCE CROSS (A.F.C.). (Instituted 1918.)

Muser Legion Legionat	3 7 6
Total	16

iv. DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL (D.F.M.) (Instituted 1918.)

7.	71	1757013	1	
Corporal.		theraps	13000	1

11. DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (D.C.M.) With Bars. (Instituted 1862.)

Rank.	Bars	No.
Capeain Livutenant Nergenot-Major Nergenot-Major Corporal Private	- 19 5 5	1 10 340 726 364 448
Total	38	1,919

12. MILITARY MEDAL WITH BARS (M.M.). (Instituted 1916.)

Rank.	Bars.	No.
Lieutenans	_2	21
Nursing Sister Sergeant Corporal Private	318 194 339	3.062 2.984 6,149
Total	873	12,925

ROYAL RED CROSS (R.R.C.) with Bars. (Instituted 1909.)

Rank.	Bars.	No.
Marron Nursing Sister	3	39 273
Total	3	312

KING'S POLICE MEDAL. (Instituted 1909.)

Sergenat	1

15. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL. (Instituted 1845.)

Lieutenant	- 4
Sergeant	901
Corporal	168
Private	199
Total	1,266

16. MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

Rank.	No.
Lieutenant-General	- 1
Major-General	4
Brigadier-General	11
Colonal	56
Lieutenant-Colonel	37
Major	54
Captain	671
Lieutenant	64.
Chaplain	1
Matron	1
Nursing Sister	11
Serpant	1 12
Corporal	34
Private	41
The state of the s	
Total	4,30

17. FOREIGN ORDERS AND DECORA-TIONS.

FRENCH

LÉGION D'HONNEUR-CROIX DE COMMANDEUR.

Rank.	No.
Lieuten unt-General.	
Major-General Brugadier-General	
Surgeon-General	
Lieutenant-Colonel	
Total	

LEGGON O'HONNERS-CROCK O'OFFICER.

Rank.	No.
Major-General Brigadier-General Surgnon-General Colonet Licutemant-Colonel	2 6 2 2 5
Total	17

LEGION D'HONNETH-CROIX DE CREVALIER.

Rank.	No.
Brigadier-General	1
Lieutenant-Colonel	9
Major	- 11
Lieutenant	2
Total	32

MÉDABLE MILITAIRE.

Rank.	No.
Sergeant	27 12 11
Total	\$0

Découstros Militaria.

Rank.	No.
Sergeant	
Corporni	. 1
Private	
Total	

CROIX DE GUERRE. (Belgian and | French.)

Rank.	No.
Lieutenant-General Major-General Brigadier-General Colonel Lieutenant-Colonel	1 3
Major Captain	5
Lieutemant. Sergeant.	24 24
Corporal Private	15
Total	70

MEDARLE D'HONNECR AVEC GLUVES.

Rank.	No.
Sergennt Private	2
Total	3

(en Argent.)

Rank	No.
Sergrunt Corporal	3 4
Total	7

(en Bronne.)

Rank,	No.
Corporal Private	3 12
Total	15

MEDALLE DES ÉPIDÉMIES

Rank.	No.
Major Nursing Sister Quartermaster Sergeant	1
Total	- 6

(en Vermeil.)

Rank.	No.
Nursing Sister	1

URDRE DU MERITE AGRICOLE. Chevalier.

Rank.	No.
Li-utenant-Colonel Vapor Caprais Licutenant	3 2 1
Total	. 7

VEDARLE DE LA RECONNAMEANCE. (FRANÇAME.) (en Bronse.)

Rank.	No.
sureant-Colonel	1
Total	2

BELGIAN ORDER DE LÉOPOLD-COMMANDEUR.

Rank	No.
Major-General	1

ORDRE DE LÉGROLD-OFFICIER.

Lieut	ranat-Colonel	1
	ONDRE DE LÉOPOLD-CHEVALIES.	3888

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198										2
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ORDER DE LA COURONNE-OFFICIER.

Lieutenant-General	
Total	1

ORDRE DE LA COURONNE-CHEVALTER.

Rank.	No.
Lieutenant	- 1

MÉDABLE DE LA REINE EURASETH.

Rank.	No.
Matron Nursing Sister	-
Total	

RUSSIAN

ORDER OF ST. STANISLAS.

Rank.	No.
Major-General Brigadier-General Lesutenant-Colonel Major Captain Lioutenant	1 3 8 9 8
Total	31

SERBIAN

CADER OF THE WHITE EAGLE.

	Rook.	No.	Rank.	No
aptain	rt-Colonel.	3	Lieutenant-General Lieutenant-Colonel Major Total	
Te	etal	19		_

CROSS OF ST. GRORGE.

Rank.	No.
Lieutemant	3
Sergonat	14
Corporal Private	
Private	18
Total	103

MEDAL OF ST. GRORGE.

		1	ú	u	k									No.
Sergeant					,	 					,	,	 Γ	
Sergeant Corporal Private	:::					 						:	l	11
Total													 ľ	22

ORDER OF ST. VLADOMIR.

Rank.	No.
Lieutenant-Colonei Major	1
Total	2

ITALIAN ORDER OF THE CROWN OF ITALY.

Rank.	No.
Lieutenant-Colonel	

ORDER OF ST. MAURICE AND ST. LABARUS.

Rank.					
Brigadier-General Lieutenant-Colonei	1 2				
Total	3				

SILVER MEDAL FOR MILITARY VALOUR.

Rank.	No.
Captain Lieutenant	3
Total	4

BRONES MEDAL FOR MILITARY VALOUR.

	Rank.	No
Captais		
Lieutenant		
Sergeant		
Carporal		
Private		
Total		-

ORDER OF ST. SAVA.

Rank.	N_{θ}
Major-General. Colcoel. Captain	
Total	ou yo

GOLD MEDAL FOR ZEALOGS SERVICE.

Rank.	No.
Private	1

MONTENEGRIN

ORDER OF DANIES.

Rank.	N-
Brigadier-General	
Colotel Lieutenant-Colonel	-
Major. Logatemant	 ~ 1
Total	 ,

NAME AND AL POR BRAVERY.

Rank.	No.
	2

PORTUGUESE MILITARY ORDER OF AVES.

Rank.	No.	
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RUMANIAN

THE OF THE STAR OF RUMANIA.

CHEVALUER.

	Rank	t.								No.
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THE CROWN OF RUMANIA.

CHEVALIER.

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" STATUTE MILITARA.

No.
- 4

MÉDAULE BARBATIE SI CREDENTA.

Rank.	No.
Sergesat Private	3
Total	6

ORDER OF REGINA MARIA.

Rank.	
Lieutenant-Colonel	1

AMERICAN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Rank.	
Lieutenant-General	1
Total	2

18. SUMMARY OF ALL ORDERS AND DECORATIONS, BY RANKS.

Rank.	Bars.	No.
Lieutenant-General		9
Major-General	1	35
Brigadier-General		98
Surgeon-General		
Colonel		90
Lieutenant-Colonel		994
Major		4 15
Captain		2.10
Lieutenant		4
Chaplain	3	- 1
Nursing Sister		25
Regimental Sergeant-Majo		
Company Sergoant-Major.		6
Staff Quartermaster-Sorge		
Sergeunt-Major		34
Serrount		\$,IM
Corporal	199	3,66
Private	364	7,06
Not stated		
Total	1,329	21,13

A white metal maple leaf, similiar to that worn on the C.V.S.M. ribbon, is worn below the shoulder title of the North Irish Horse. This decoration commemorates the units action with the Canadians on the assault on the Hitler Line in Italy during 1944-45.

R.A.F. UNIFORM COLOUR

The R.A.F. received its peculiar shade of blue uniform from the old Tsarist Russian uniform. A large quantity of cloth had been ordered from England but the October revolution left it on hand. The cloth was used for the new R.A.F. being organized at that time.

In October 1918 12 R.C.N.A.S. airship cadets died on the S.S. "Northland" enroute to England from acute bronchopheumonia. B.W.M.'s are very rare to this service, would these have been awarded to next-of-kin?

FIRSTS TO THE AIR FORCES

The first World War I medal awards were gazetted October 22, 1914 but did not include any to the R.F.C. The French gazetted several to the R.F.C. November 3, 1914. The first M.C. to the R.F.C. was January 1, 1915 and the first D.S.O. to the R.F.C. was also on January 1, 1915. The D.F.C. and A.F.C. first awards were June 3, 1918. The first Canadian gazetted with the D.F.C. was Hon. Capt. Claver Victor Bessette in the King's Birthday List of June 3, 1918.

RELATIVE VALUE OF SELECTED MEDALS SELECTED FROM SALES

	1963	1968	1973	1975
Royal Navy L.S.G.C. 1914 Star Crimea - 1 bar Waterloo N.G.S Syria Queens South Africa Military Cross Military Medal MGS - Chateauguay - Fort Detroit Fenian Raid 1866 Fenian Raid 1870 North West 1885 Red River 1870	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2.52 1.29 1.29 1.20 1.50 1.55 1.55 1.55	7.5 16 12 4 16 10.7 4.2 5.7 13.5 14.8 2.5 2.7	16 16 25 14 21 20 5 12 23 25 5 4 4

Conspicious merit and exceptional service earned the Order of Military

Merit for 109 officers and men during the year, who were invested at Government

House in Ottawa by Governor General Jules Leger.

In addition, for performances of deeds and actions beyond the call of normal duties, Chief of the Defence Staff Commendations were awarded to 47 members of the Forces.

Italy's most prized civil decoration for valor was awarded posthumously to Captain Ronald McBride, 42, of Toronto, the Canadian helicopter pilot who lost his life in a crash during earthquake-relief operations in northern Italy May 16.

Two members of his crew injured in the mishap were awarded the Italian Silver Medal of Valor.

The Cadet Award for Bravery was awarded posthumously to 13-year old

Leading Air Cadet Gordon Lapointe of Sudbury, Ont. While on duty as a

member of a school safety patrol, he saved the life of a four-year old

boy during a traffic accident, at the cost of his own.

GARTER PROBLEMS

The design of Canadian Militia badges was haphazard. Authority to use devices was seldom obtained, heraldry was expremely poor.

In 1929 a complaint was lodged about the improper use of the Garter on Canadian militia badges. An order was issued that new badges be designed to eliminate the problem. The regiments against which a complaint was lodged was:- Vancouver Regiment; Francs de Sagueny; Regt de Maisonneuve; Regt de Quebec; Cape Breton Highlanders; 48th Highlanders; Governor General Body Guard; Princess Louise New Brunswick Hussars; Grey Regiment; Sault Ste Marie Regiment; Dufferin Rifles of Canada.

The above guilty regiments were using the Garter and strap but were not using the accompanying HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE; most were substituting the name of the regiment. This was a no no.

Many units solved the problem by eliminating the Garter strap and just used a double circle, others developed an entirely new badge.



NOMINAL ROLL



AIR EFFICIENCY AWARD R.C.A.F. MEDAL ROLL R. W. Irwin

SUPP.	DATE	SERVICE NUMBER	RANK	NAME
2052	22/ 9/44	C686 C5774	AVM SL	J.A. Sully, CB, AFC
2101	29/ 9/44		AC AC GC GC SL FL FO WO 1	G.N. Irwin A.H.K. Russell R.H. Foss G.H. Sellers, AFC J.E. Rogers J.S.R. McArdle J.H.K. Ellison R.J. Bunstad
2160	6/10/44		GC GC GC	A.D. Bell-Irving, MC W.J. McFarlane W.A. Murray
2231	13/10/44		AVM WC FO WO 1	A. Raymond G. Vadboncoeur R. McDowell John Kerr
2274	20/10/44		WC FL WO 1 WO 2	A. Walmsley J.O. Griffith K.W. Hall J.L. Giles
2314	27/10/44		AVM	K.G. Nairn J.J. Solski
2373	3/11/44	C333 C616 C725	AC GC WC	R.A. Delhaye, DFC W.R. Pollock E.A. Weaver
2429	10/11/44	2019A 23A 87A	WO 2 WO 2 FS	C.D. Cunningham J.G. Harris F.J.C. Smith
2479 2534	17/11/44 24/11/44	C3358	WC AVM WC WC PO WO 1	H.W. Padwick W.A. Curtis G.W. Jacobi M.D. McFadyn P.J. Cooper H.J. Wiggins
2684	15/12/44		GC GC FO SL SL	V.B. Corbett, DFC A. Watts, AFC A.W. Hardman E.A. Nanton L.S. Scott

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

The Order was established in England about 1145, but during the reign of Elizabeth I the dissolution begun by Henry VIII was made complete.

FROM 1831

The Order was revived in 1831, and in 1856, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England was established. During the next 27 years, the familiar first aid services and instruction now provided by St. John Ambulance, were developed in response to military and public needs for volunteer medical assistance.

According to the information supplied by the Heritage Foundation, military conflicts that were fought in Europe, and which ranged from the Crimean War to the Turkey— Serbia War of 1876, stimulated the formation in England of various philanthropic organizations.

In 1870, for example, the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War was formed in response to the Franco-Prussian War, to provide voluntary medical aid. Apparently the Council of this Society considered itself unable to establish voluntary aid training centres. As a result, in 1877, the Order of St. John inaugurated the St. John Ambulance Association "to train men and women for benefit of sick and wounded" and to provide a "civilian reserve for the Army Medical Department".

The first instruction centre for first aid was established by the Association in 1877 and soon other centres were established throughout Britain and abroad. The growth of the Ambulance movement in Britain introduced the probIem of providing first aid services to the public. In 1883 the Invalid Transport Corps, composed of trained volunteers, was initiated for the movement of the sick and injured in London. This work expanded to the establishment of ambulance stations at large public gatherings and in 1887, various local Ambulance or Invalid Transport Corps were united to form the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

In 1888, Queen Victoria granted a Royal Charter to the Order and assumed the title of its Sovereign Head. Queen Elizabeth II bears this title today. The Grand Prior in 1972 was the Duke of Gloucester.

IN CANADA

In Canada the earliest recorded class in first aid was held in Quebec City during the winter of 1882-83, although, according to the Heritage Foundation information, there were members of the Order active in New France during the seventeenth century. The first St. John Ambulance Association centre in Canada was established in Halifax in 1892 but became inactive within two years.

The founding of the St. John Ambulance Association in Ontario was due largely to the efforts of Dr. George Sterling Ryerson, a Toronto physician and surgeon, and a nephew of the redoubtable Reverend Egerton Ryerson. As assistant surgeon to the 10th Royal Grenadiers, during the Saskatchewan Rebellion of 1885, Ryerson was strongly impressed by the need for trained nonprofessionals in the army's medical service. He was instrumental in the formation of the Association of Medical Officers of the Canadian Militia. When this association, formed in 1892, was rebuffed by Militia Headquarters, Ryerson turned to the head-office of the St. John Ambulance Association in London.

In 1894 he requested and was granted permission to establish a branch of the Association in Canada. With the support of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Sir George Kirkpatrick, a provincial committee was formed. At a meeting held on November 25, 1895, at the Canadian Military Institute in Toronto. a provincial centre or branch was organized with Kirkpatrick as President and Ryerson as General Secretary and Medical Director.

From 1895 various centres were established throughout Ontario. In 1896 the Toronto Centre was organized, with centres being formed in Belleville, Guelph, London and Orillia a year later. In the same year the Central Executive Committee in England recommended the elevation of the Ontario Provincial Centre to a Dominion Council with Sir George Kirkpatrick as President and Ryerson as General Secretary. The initial effort to expand and sustain the Association met, nationally, with limited success. During the late 1890's and early 1900's the Association remained in the shadow of the Red Cross Society.

Between 1904 and 1912 various support organizations were undertaken and significant changes were effected in the national organizations of the Association — all of which affected the various centres in Ontario.

in 1910 the now defunct Dominion Council was replaced by a Canadian branch of the St. John Ambulance Association with authority to establish Provincial Councils. The Ontario Council was subsequently organized in Toronto in December of 1910. For several years the work of the Association had been carried on more actively in Ontario than in any other part of Canada. The Toronto Centre especially had not only promoted an extensive first aid intsruction program in that city, but by 1910 had been instrumental in establishing classes in five other provinces. Within Ontario centres were in operation in Peterborough, Brantford, Berlin (Kitchener), Stratford, London and Sault Ste. Marie. At the Toronto Centre, from 1896 until 1910, 2,073 certificates had been issued in four! fields: First Aid to the injured. Home Nursing, Military Sanitation, and Junior First Aid to the injured.

After 1911 the Ontario Centres encountered, and solved with varying degrees of success, problems dealing with financing, the supply of adequate first aid materials, and local support. As in England, the formation in Ontario of St. John Ambulance Brigades brought the Corps directly into public view.

As a great believer in public relations I can easily see where this would be a great step forward in making the public aware of the activities of St. John Ambulance.

The first Brigade Ambulance Division for volunteer aid to the public had been formed at London in 1909, followed two years later by the formation of a division in Toronto. By the end of 1913 the Brigade had spread throughout the province with

Nursing Divisions in Toronto and Owen Sound and Ambulance Divisions in Toronto, London, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Welland, Brampton, Muskoka, Oshawa and North Bay. In several Canadian centres, such as Hamilton and Montreal, first aid training was provided within industrial plants or railway shops, where safety and first aid were particularly important.

The First World War brought new vigour into the efforts of St. John Ambulance in Ontario. The St. John Ambulance were quite involved in the First World War. Typical of the services performed by Voluntary Aid Detachments in Ontario were those of the Ottawa Detachment. formed in 1915 to provide voluntary trained medical assistance primarily in hospitals, Personnel for the detachments were drawn from St. John Ambulance as was the training and instruction by the detachments. Equally as valuable to the war effort in Ontario was the first aid instruction given by the Association nationally to some 200,000 members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

After 1918 St. John Ambulance in Ontario, and throughout Canada, entered a period of decline and significant readjustment. By the mid-1920's both the Association and Brigade, however, had regained lost ground and had entered new fields.

When the Second World War broke out thousands of persons flocked to first aid an home nursing courses to qualify themselves for air raid precautions duties and other war work.

According to the Royal Bank information there was agreement between the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance that the Red Cross Society would be responsible for collecting and distributing funds and materials while the Order of St. John would train in first aid all male personnel required for war service.

In 1945 the Canadian St. John Ambulance organization became "The Priory of Canada of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem". This past October a retired LCVI teacher in the person of Harold Choate had the opportunity of personally meeting the Prior of the Order, the Governor of Canada the Right Hon. Jules Leger, Mr. Choate was one of some 100 Canadians who were invested in the Order as Serving Brothers or Sisters. Fourteen Canadians were made Officers, three were made Commanders, and two, one from Uxbridge in the person of Brigadier-General Gordon Wotherspoon, had the "Knight of Grace" which is the highest order conferred upon them.

Below the level of National headquarters, the elements of the Order are administered by provincial councils. These councils are charged with providing training through the Association and rendering service through the Brigade.

General Routine Order 4663 of August 1, 1918 authorized badges for wear in France. The Maple Leaf badge was to be worn by all units for which a special badge was not authorized.

The 13th and 42nd battalions wore a scarlet hackle in lieu of a cap badge.

A grenade was authorized as a cap badge for the C.E.; Artillery and the C.M.G.C.

Worsted shoulder badges for the C.E. were the blue letters C.E. on a red patch. PPCLI used white let ters on a red patch.

Collar badges authorized by this order were the initials:- C.L.H.; C.O.C.; F.G.H.; R.C.D.; R.C.R.; P.P.C.L.I.; 1/C.M.R.; 2/C.M.R.; 4/C.M.R.; 5/C.M.R.

All Canadian infantry, except the R.C.R. And P.P.C.L.I. were to use as a collar badge the letter "C" over the unit numeral.

The 161st Overseas Battalion

The following history of the 161st of May and trained there until July H. B. combe, V.D., of Clinton:

In October, 1915, I had arranged with Major T. Hays, senior officer of the 32nd Bruce Battalion, to organize an overseas battalion from the 32nd and 33rd Battalions. This was to be endorsed by General Shannon and forwarded to the Department of Militia and Defence. In November, 1915, the Government decided to form county battalions, and on December 3rd I received the following telegram: "You will command and train an overseas battalion to be known as the 161st Battalion C. E. F. Proceed to Lon-don at once for instructions." I reported to General Shannon the following day, and his first question was, "Where will your headquarters be?" I told him Clinton. His next question: "Who will be your officers?" I took the militia list and read all the names of officers of the 33rd Huron Regiment. I named Major R. S. Hays as my senior major, M. D. McTaggart as paymaster, Major J. W. Shaw as medical officer; the ranks of the rest were to be left until I could meet them, which I proposed to do at Clinton on Decem-This meeting was held in the rooms of the Olinton Club, and we decided to recruit and enlist men at the following places: Goderich, Clinton, Seaforth, Exeter, Hensall, Bayfield, Blyth, Wingham and Wroxeter. The Battalion was mobilized at Clinton on April 6th, 1916, for the first time, and was inspected by General Shannon and Col. Smith, G.S.O. of military district No. 1. The battalion was taken to London at the end twelve V.D.'s.

Overseas Battalion was written by Col. 11th, when they were moved to Camp Borden and trained there until the end of October. We were inspected at Camp Borden by Major-General Louis Francois Lessard, who gave us this parting word, which we took as high praise-"This is a good, sound battalion, well administered."

> The battalion then sailed for England and camped at Lower Dibgate. When we landed at this point, we were asked to give the troops a week's holiday. At the end of this time we were asked to send 200 men to France. These proceeded to France and became absorbed in the 58th Battalion. We then moved to West Sandling, and while there we sent ten non-commission officers to the 18th Battalion. While at this station the 5th Division was organized, and we were moved to Whitley Camp and became a line battalion in the 5th Division under Sr. General Garnet Hughes. I remained with the battalion until July 12th, 1917, when I was sent to France, being attached to the headquarters of the 3rd army whose commander was Lt.-Gen. Sir. Julian Byng. The 5th Division was demobilized in March, 1918, and the troops sent to France to reinforce the 4th Division in France. Most of the 161st were sent to the 47th Battalion, some to the 52nd Battalion, and some to the 42nd Battalion.

> When we landed we had 775 all ranks, ninety-one of these were killed in action, 191 were wounded. one Victoria cross, three distinguished conduct medals, twenty-eight military medals, eight military crosses and

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, 18T CANADIAN DIVISION.

Regt'l No.	Rank.	Name.	Corps.
24362	Corporal	Lambarde, F. F. Harbord, G. M. Ramsden, A. G. F. Pobjay, H. Marks, F. T.	Reserve of Officers. Royal Artillery. R.F.A. Special Reserve
	18T CANADI	AN ARTILLERY BRIGADE.	
40106	Captain. Captain Corporal	Cosgrave, L. V. M	2nd Battery.
	2ND CANAD	IAN ARTILLERY BRIGADE.	1
C41445 C41314	LtColonel. Major Lieutenant. Lieutenant Corporal Corporal	Hicks, A. S. Shirley, S.	5th Battery. 6th ". 7th ". 8th ".
	3RD CANAD	IAN ARTILLERY BRIGADE.	
42423 42244 42635 40105	Lieutenant. Lieutenant. Btv. SgtMajor	King, W. B. Greene, E. A. Ryerson, A. C. Scandrett, J. H. Wildgoose, R. Barnacal, W.	11th Battery. 10th 9th Anm. Column. 12th Battery. 9th "
	WARRIED STREET	ADIAN ARTILLERY. ondon Gazette, 29422, Date 1-1-16.	
40336 40005 416135	Major Lieutenant Captain Major Major Major Paymaster and Hon. Capt. Lieutenant Major LtColonel Lieutenant Lieutenant Lieutenant Lieutenant Bombardier Gunner	Dunlop, M. Mc D. Gillmore, E. T. B. Goodeve, E. C. Kelley, L. S. G. Leach, R. J. Leonard, E. W. Magee, F. C. Morrison, E. W. B. (D.S.C.), Paterson, A. T. Tingley, F. H. Maclaren, C. H. Langford, J. R. Quilter, G.	