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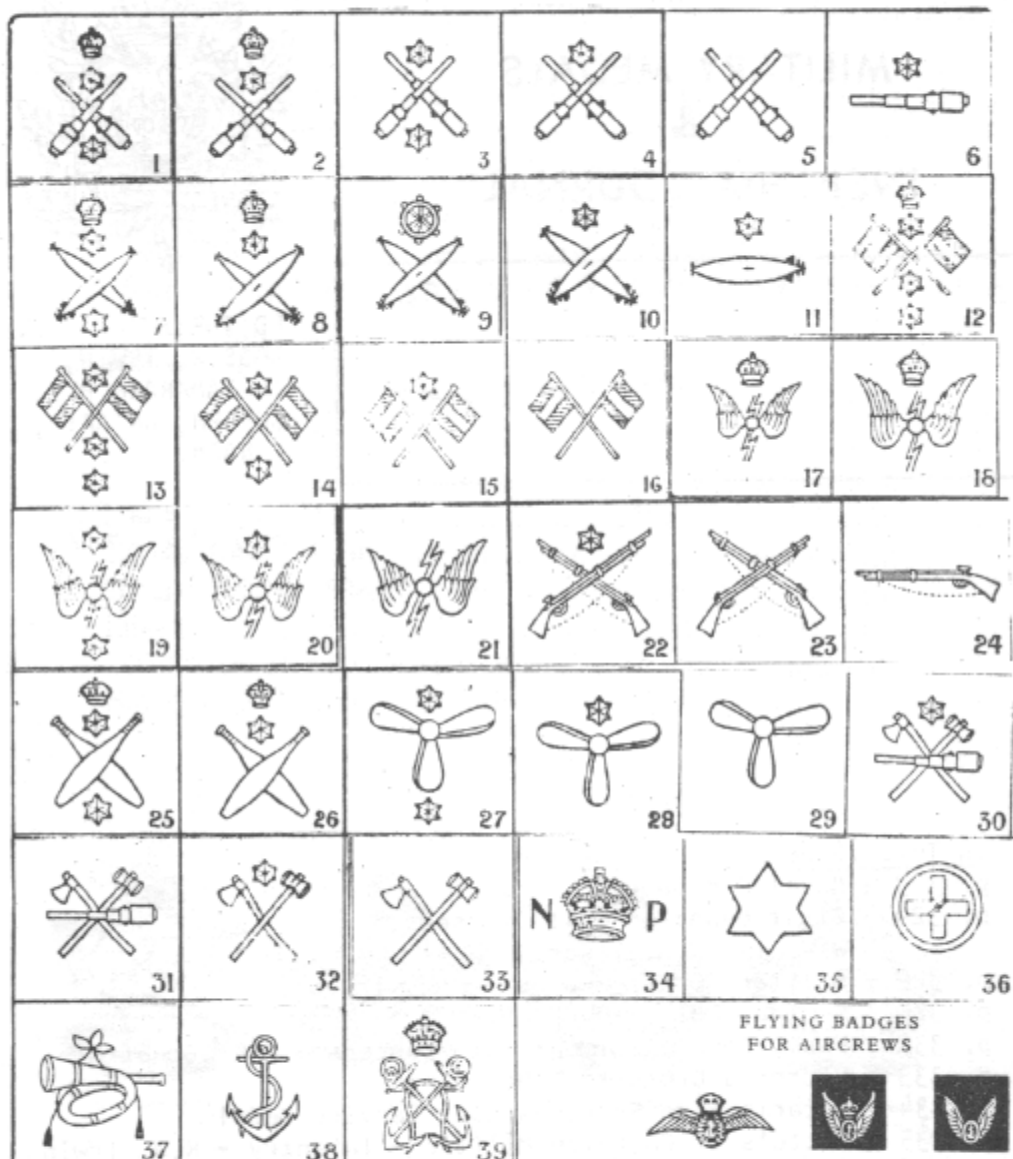


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all Land  
Grade



Armed for use  
by Petty Officers  
and Watchmen



Rating Pilot



Rating Observer



Rating Aircrew

Worn on Blue uniform (other than working dress) by C.P.O.s on the cuff at the left sleeve 1 inch above the centre button, and by other ratings 1 1/2 inches from the end of the left sleeve, or 1 1/2 inches above the point of the left cuff of jumpers with cuffs. On blue serge working dress these badges are worn above the left breast pocket of the blouse. On white uniform they are worn 1 1/2 inches above the left breast pocket of the tunic, or immediately above the top row of medal ribbons. They are not worn on tropical shirts.

1. Gunner's Mate and Gunlayer, 1st class.
  2. Gunner's Mate.
  3. Gunlayer, 1st class.
  4. Gunlayer, 2nd class.
  5. Gunlayer, 3rd class.
  6. Seaman Gunner and Petty Officer.
  7. Torpedo Gunner's Mate, higher grade.
  8. Torpedo Gunner's Mate.
  9. Torpedo Coxswain.
  10. Leading Torpedo Man.
  11. Seaman Torpedo Man and Petty Officer.
  12. Chief Yeoman of Signals.
  13. Yeoman of Signals.
  14. Leading Signalman.
  15. Signalman.
  16. Ordinary Signalman and Signal Boy.
  17. Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist.
  18. Petty Officer Telegraphist.
  19. Leading Telegraphist.
  20. Telegraphist.
  21. Ordinary and Boy Telegraphist.
  22. Good Shooting Badge, 1st class.
  23. Good Shooting Badge, 2nd class.
  24. Good Shooting Badge, 3rd class.
  25. Physical Training Instructor, 1st class.
  26. Physical Training Instructor, 2nd class.
  27. Mechanician.
  28. Leading Stoker.
  29. Other Stokers.
  30. Chief and other Armourers.
  31. Armourer's Mates and Crews.
  32. Blacksmith, Plumber, Painter, 1st class. All chief and other Carpenter's Mates, and skilled Shipwrights of whatever rating.
  33. All other Artificers.
  34. Naval Police.
  35. Gold Star: Schoolmaster, Ship's Steward, Ship's Steward's Assistant, Ship's Steward's Boy, all Writers, White Star: Ship's Cook and Ship's Cook's Mate.
  36. Sick Berth Staff.
  37. Buglers.
- Badges of Rating and Good Conduct Badges.*
38. Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Shipwrights, Leading Carpenter's Crew and Ship's Steward's Assistants over three years' service.
  39. First-class Petty Officer.
- Good Conduct Badges (worn on left arm), one for over three years' service; two for over eight years; three for over thirteen years.*

## FIRST CANADIAN UNIT OVERSEAS DURING W.W.I

W. A. STEWART

The 2nd Regiment of King Edward's Horse was formed at the beginning of the Great War in 1914. The personnel were recruited from the British Dominions and Canada's contingent to this regiment was formed in Victoria, B.C. in August 1914 and was known as ELLIOTT'S HORSE. They travelled to England at their own expense to join this regiment, and "they were the first Canadians to go overseas in 1914". On the formation of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, under the command of Brig. Gen. J.E.B. Seeley, CB, CMG, DSO, MP in December 1914; this 2nd Regiment of King Edward's Horse became part of the brigade which originally consisted of the Royal Canadian Dragoons; Lord Strathcona's Horse; 2nd Regiment, King Edward's Horse; and the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

This cavalry brigade arrived in France on May 4th, 1915 and was used as unmounted troops until January 31st, 1916. In January 1916, King Edward's Horse returned to the Imperials, and fought throughout the War, and was finally disbanded in 1919 when the war had ended.



The cap badge is an escutcheon charged with the Royal Arms, and ensigned with the Imperial Crown. Surrounded by a wide wreath of laurel on which are scrolls inscribed - 2nd - KING - EDWARD'S - HORSE; CANADA; AUSTRALIA; N.ZEALAND; S.AFRICA; INDIA; CROWN COLONIES; 1914. At the base EMPIRE AND LIBERTY. 60x47.

Ross W. Irwin

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Lt. Col. John P. Fletcher, Brigade Major, St. John's Militia  
Lt. Col. Brown Chamberlin, 60th Missisquoi Bn. of Infantry  
Lt. Col. A. McEachren, 50th Huntingdon Borderers

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Lt. Col. Bolton, R.A., D.A.A.G.  
Lt. Col. Randall Joseph Feilden, 1/60 K.R.R.C.  
Lt. Col. J.C. McNeill, V.C., A.D.C. to Governor General  
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HEAVY CAMEL REGIMENT  
5th Lancers

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Robert K. Godefroy

Major Gordon, in his book "British Battles and Medals" states that 2 officers and 43 other ranks from the 5th Lancers were members of the Heavy Camel Regiment. There were actually 4 officers and 44 other ranks, giving a total of 48. A 49th member died in a prison hospital in Cairo.

However, more important, is the fact that under ABU KLEA almost as an afterthought, it is indicated that a Pte. Russell received this bar. This seems to imply that it is the two bar combination to the 5th Lancers which is an odd case whereas just the opposite may be true.

The medal roll shows the clasp entitlement as follows:

THE NILE 1884-85 - 12

THE NILE 1884-85 & ABU KLEA - 36

There is no indication, unfortunately, as to how many men received the medal, but it appears that a medal with the single bar is a rarity.

During the campaign, the 5th Lancers suffered 11 casualties.

Officers: Major Carmichael, killed at Abu Klea.  
Lieut. Costello, died of fever at Abu Fatmeh.

Others: 5 killed at Abu Klea.  
1 killed at Gubat (Pte. Russell).  
1 lost during night march from Abu Klea to  
1 died of fever at Abu Fatmeh. Metammeh.  
1 died of fever at El Howgat.

Finally, it is interesting to note that none of the 48 were entitled to the bars for KIRBEKAN, SUAKIN 1885 or TOFREK.

\*The author will verify medals to the 5th Lancers for bars THE NILE 1884-85 and ABU KLEA.

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A rare Victoria Cross, one of only five awarded between the First and Second World War, and the first of them to come onto the market, could create a world record price for the medal when it is sold at Sotheby's in London on June 24. The record price was \$5,000 paid at Sotheby's in January, 1969.

The medal is one of a group of 14 awarded to Captain Ishar Singh, 28th Punjabi Regt. He won the VC, in the words of the citation, "for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty", near Haidari Kach, Waziristan, on April 10, 1921. It was one of those skirmishes with dissident tribesmen which were the everyday lot of British and Indian Army troops manning the Northwest Frontier.

Ishar Singh was badly wounded in the chest while manning a Lewis gun in defence of a convoy. Hand-to-hand fighting developed, all the officers and non-commissioned officers were either killed or wounded and the gun was captured. Ishar Singh charged the tribesmen and having recovered the gun he disregarded orders to retire and have his wounds dressed. He helped the medical officer with the other wounded, on one occasion shielding him with his body.

Ishar Singh was decorated by the Prince of Wales at Rawalpindi on March 10, 1922, served as one of the four Sikh Viceroy's Commissioned Officers to King George VI in 1937 and died on Dec. 2, 1963.



# FIRE MARSHAL'S QUARTERLY NEWS

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Under the terms of the amended Regulation, the medal will be known as The Fire Services Long Service Medal, and will be granted to any person who on or after April 1, 1971 is serving as a fire fighter or since April 1, 1968 has served as a fire fighter and who has served as a fire fighter for thirty years. Where a person served as a fire fighter immediately before serving in the Corps of Canadian (Overseas) Fire Fighters or on active service in the Canadian Forces within the meaning of the National Defence Act (Canada) and served again as a fire fighter within three months after his discharge from the Corps or the Forces, the time spent in the Corps or the Forces shall be deemed to be service as a fire fighter.

The Fire Service Long Service Medal will be circular, one and three-eighths inches in diameter, and will bear on

## MEDAL WILL MARK LONG SERVICE BY FIRE FIGHTERS IN ONTARIO

the obverse the Maltese Cross with the coat of arms of Ontario superimposed, and the inscription "Fire Services Ontario." On the reverse will be the inscription "For long service The Fire Marshals Act." The medal, suspended from a red, white and green ribbon, will be worn on the left breast subordinate to all Canadian and British decorations.

In order to estimate the number of medals which would be required for distribution over an initial five-year period, a questionnaire was sent from the Office of the Fire Marshal early in December, 1970 to all municipal fire chiefs. A prompt reply was requested in respect of all members of their departments, including those who had retired since April 1, 1968, who would be eligible for the medal. A second mailing to fire chiefs was made in February and as a result information was obtained from approximately 54% of the municipal fire departments of the Province.

Application forms will shortly be mailed, in numbers indicated by completed questionnaires, to municipal fire chiefs who completed them. On these forms, fire chiefs and municipal clerks will make application for each eligible member of the fire department for The Fire Services Long Service Medal, certifying that the persons concerned are eligible for the award in accordance with Section 10 of The Regulation. Any other fire chiefs may obtain application forms by writing to the Office of the Fire Marshal.

The application forms require information as to name, age, home address and municipality, together with relevant dates in respect of enrolment in the fire department and where applicable, the date of joining the Corps of Canadian (Overseas) Fire Fighters or the Canadian Forces, date of discharge and of rejoining the fire department and, if retired since April 1, 1968, the date of retirement. Applications must be sent to the Office of the Fire Marshal, where they will be reviewed by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Awards Committee.

In view of the number of persons eligible for the award this year, it is planned to hold a number of investitures at the Ontario Fire College during 1971. In subsequent years it would appear that it will only be necessary to hold one investiture each year.

Recipients of the medal will be notified of the date of their investiture and may, if they wish, be accompanied by one person. Limitations of space make this requirement necessary. The recipient will be requested to advise the Office of the Fire Marshal if he wishes to receive his medal by investiture, and also to supply the name of his guest. Should he not wish to attend, arrangements will be made for the medal to be sent to him.

Each recipient will also receive a suitably worded citation, which will include his name and be signed by the Fire Marshal. An announcement of every award will be printed in The Ontario Gazette.

## REGULATION MADE UNDER THE FIRE MARSHALS ACT

1. Regulation 183 of Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960, as amended by Ontario Regulations 5/65 and 145/67, is further amended by adding thereto the following sections:

### THE FIRE SERVICES LONG SERVICE MEDAL

10.—(1) In this section, "fire fighter" means a full-time fire fighter or a volunteer fire fighter as defined in *The Fire Departments Act*.

(2) The Fire Marshal shall grant a medal, which shall be known as "The Fire Services Long Service Medal", to any person who is serving or, within the previous three years, has served as a fire fighter and who has served as a fire fighter for thirty years.

(3) Where a person served as a fire fighter immediately before serving in the Corps of Canadian (Overseas) Fire Fighters or on active service in the Canadian Forces within the meaning of the *National Defence Act* (Canada), and served again as a fire fighter within three months after his discharge from the corps or the forces, the time spent in the corps or the forces shall be deemed to be service as a fire fighter for the purpose of subsection 2.

(4) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, subordinate to all

Canadian and British military decorations.

(5) When a medal is awarded the name of the recipient shall be published in *The Ontario Gazette*.

11.—(1) The Fire Services Long Service Medal shall be a circular medal of rhodium plated metal 1½ inches in diameter,

(a) bearing on the obverse the Maltese cross on which is superimposed the coat of arms of Ontario and the inscription "Fire Services Ontario"; and

(b) bearing on the reverse the inscription "For long service The Fire Marshals Act".

(2) The medal shall be suspended from a metal bar by means of a ribbon 1¼ inches in width comprising a red stripe 10/32 of an inch in width in the centre and on each side,

(a) a white stripe 3/32 of an inch in width bordered by a green stripe 5/32 of an inch in width; and

(b) a red stripe 7/32 of an inch in width at the edge of the ribbon.

2. This Regulation comes into force on the 1st day of April, 1971.



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## HOW TO RESEARCH THE PIP, SQUEAK AND WILFORD

R.W. IRWIN

So, you have one or more medals to Canadians for World War I! What do you know about the individual whose name appears stamped on the rim or reverse? Why not take a little time to find out, write it on a 3x5 card and keep it with the medal. A little bit of research will make the medal of more value.

There are several approaches to your problem, here is a good one. First, all you probably know is the individuals number, rank, name and unit which appears on the medal. In the Toronto Reference Library as well as Hamilton and London Public Libraries and no doubt many more there is a series of 10 volumes issued with Militia Orders in 1917 called Canadian Expeditionary Force Nominal Rolls of Officers, NCO's and Men. From these volumes you can obtain the individuals serial number, rank at enlistment, complete full names, name and address of next-of-kin, country of birth, former corps, date and place of enlistment, name of ship and date of sailing for England. Seems simple but not so. Your first problem is usually the serial number block on the medal does not agree with those of the original unit. In other words he was a reinforcement or a member of a unit broken up in England. You therefore need a list of World War I serial blocks or look at what units reinforced your particular unit. Many unit histories contain nominal rolls which will get you started. (A listing of WW I serial blocks will be included in a future issue.)

If you suspect the individual was killed you can find the action, date and wounds in the series of books by the British Graves Commission. These are alphabetical and not difficult to use.

For officers, whose unit does not appear on the medal, the best approach is through a contemporary Militia List to locate the unit and then start through the Nominal Rolls. The standard biographical works should of course be examined as well. The Nominal Rolls are as follows:-

Vol. 1 RCR, PPCLI, Univ. Coy's, 1 - 25 Bn.

- 2 26th to 50th Bn's
- 3 51st to 75th Bn's
- 4 76th to 100th Bn's
- 5 101st to 135th Bn's
- 6 136th to 175th Bn's
- 7 176th to 215th Bn's
- 8 216th to 257th Bn's
- 9 Artillery & M.G. Bn's
- 10 CAMC, CADC, Reinf.

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- 12 CMR, CAVALRY, VET.
- 13 ENGINEERS

The following Battalions are the ones which we had the honor of manufacturing badges for up to the time this catalogue was issued:

24th, 26th, 28th, 38th, 40th, 41st, 44th, 45th,  
 49th, 51st, 55th, 56th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 64th,  
 65th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 73rd, 77th, 79th, 80th,  
 81st, 82nd, 85th, 87th, 89th, 93rd, 101st, 104th,  
 106th, 110th, 111th, 113th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th,  
 128th, 130th, 132nd, 133rd, 139th, 140th, 145th, 146th,  
 148th, 150th, 154th, 155th, 156th, 160th, 161st, 163rd,  
 170th, 171st, 178th, 192nd, 194th, 197th, 201st, 205th,  
 206th, 212th, 224th, 233rd, 105th, 119th, 125th, 129th,  
 137th, 166th, 175th, 176th, 185th, 187th, 193rd, 199th,  
 208th, 219th, 183rd, 238th, Pioneers 1st, 4th and 5th,  
 Divisional Train 4th, Mounted Rifles 2nd, 5th, 6th 9th,  
 12th, 13th, Borden Battery, Canada Remount, Howitzer  
 Batteries 3rd, 57th, 58th, 65th and 66th.



55th Canadian



58th Canadian



60th Canadian



64th Canadian