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A soldiers number, file number or service number is assigned upon enlistment and usually retained unless transferred to another component of the armed forces. The number is frequently helpful in the identification of medals and is therefore covered briefly here.

The Militia Act, effective October 1, 1868, established 9 military districts in the 4 provinces - Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, 3 in Quebec and 4 in Ontario. In 1883 these were increased to 12 by the addition of British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and the Territory of Manitoba, North West Territories and Keewatin. These districts have changed over the years but still remain the basis for many serial number allocations.

The non permanent militia forces of Canada have never been assigned serial numbers which were of such a permanent character that they were used on medal naming consequently medals such as the Canadian Efficiency Medal and the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal do not bear regimental numbers. Similarly, the Canadian General Service Medal only bears regimental numbers for Imperial recipients.

The nucleus of the permanent force was established in Canada in October 1871. The permanent force was assigned regimental numbers beginning at "1" for each unit. Medals for North-West Canada 1885 are found with regimental numbers to the Cavalry School Corps, Winnipeg Field Battery and "A" and "B" R.C.A. Each unit starts at "1". The North West Mounted Police also used a serial number and these are found on the 1885 medals. Egyptian Medals for 1885 to the Canadian Boatmen have a serial number, again starting at "1".

The Queen's South Africa medal to Canadians contains a mixture. Those units beginning at "1" are: L.S.H.; R.C.R.I.; C.M.R.; R.C.F.A.; 10 Cdn Fld Hosp. and R.C.D. The 2nd C.M.R. usually does not have a number. Numbers were also issued to the Canadian detachment of the S.A.C. but they cannot be separated as they are mixed with British recruits to the same unit.

World War I will be treated in a separate article because of its complexity and magnitude. Some permanent force units used their old regimental number for this war.

From 1920 the regimental number is not usually found on permanent force long service medals although they were engraved on them previous to this. King's Regulation of 1926 (1584) state that each soldier of the permanent force when posted or transferred to a corps will receive a regimental number in that corps. In the N.P.A.M. warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men will be numbered by units and each man when posted or transferred to a unit will receive a number in that unit. The series went from 1 to 9999. Units were defined as a cavalry regt.; inf. battn.; fld bde or ind. fld bty C.A.; fld amb C.A.M.C.; div transp C.A.S.C.; other units were assigned a block of numbers on application to the officer i/c/ records.

Medals for World War II are not named, except for those awarded for bravery. Upon enlistment a soldier was assigned a regimental number, in consecutive order in the military district. Each district had a letter prefix before the numbers which began at "1" for each district. The table below shows this letter prefix.

Military District	Headquarters	Province	Letter Prefix
1	London	Ontario	A
2	Toronto	Ontario	B
3	Kingston	Ontario	C
4	Montreal	Quebec	D
5	Quebec	Quebec	E
6	Halifax	Nova Scotia	F
7	Saint John	New Brunswick	G
10	Winnipeg	Manitoba	H
11	Vancouver	British Columbia	K
12	Regina	Saskatchewan	L
13	Calgary	Alberta	M

In addition to those used by the military districts there were a few associated with the individuals origin in other places.

- P - signified service in the permanent force prior to Sept 10, 1939.
- W - Canadian Womens Army Corps, other ranks to warrant officer.
- N - enlisted from St. John's, Newfoundland
- U - enlisted in the United Kingdom (about 2,000)
- X - with 3 digits, enlisted in the Far East
- X - with 4 digits, enlisted in Holland or Europe
- T - militia officer

Canadian Army Routine Order 6247, December 5, 1945 introduced the prefix "S" for other ranks and "Z" for officers which would be used in conjunction with the prefixes above but did not supercede them. We then find that for the Korean War Medal regimental numbers with the prefix "B" or "SB" indicating Military District 2 as the origin and a date of enlistment prior to December 5, 1945 and one after that date. Prefixes that occur include: ZU, ZL, ZE, ZP, SP, SK, SN, TA, TN, TB. In addition NA would indicate a Nursing Sister in the RCAMC from MD 1. NP would indicate a Nurse Matron with permanent force origin prior to 1939. WD would indicate a C.W.A.C. other rank from MD 4

In the R.C.N. a file number is assigned to officers and official numbers to men by Naval H.Q. as per the recruiting manual. The number is retained unless transferred to another component. The official number assigned prefix depends on the component. Thus is signed in the RCN for 5 years there is no prefix (xxxx) but if sign for less than 5 years is (Xxxxx). The RCNVR used the prefix "V" for men. The RCFR used FRxxxx and the RCNR used "Axxxx" which was altered to "B" for a second service through C and D to E for a fifth service. The RNCVR of WW I began at "1" with no prefix. In 1946 the official number was changed to "xxxxx-H" if recruited east of Fort William and to "xxxxx-E" if recruited west of Fort William. Officers have the prefix "O" and naval cadets the prefix "U". In certain instances the letters "O.N." are used before the prefix. The prefix "X" signifies a woman W.R.C.N.S.

The RCAF gave a service number on enrolment which was retained throughout their service for officers and men. Permanent force officers prior to 1939 used "C" as a prefix while permanent force warrant officers had no prefix to their 3 or 4 digit service number. During WW II officers used the prefix "J" and other ranks "R". The prefix "L" was used by University Air Training Corps officers and "H" by Air Cadet officers. The Women's Division of the RCAF used "V" or CAN.W. A series of numbers used late in WW II placed the letters CAN before the prefix. A further series, usually associated with P.O.W.'s used a further prefix "O", for example: O CAN R12345

All branches of the armed forces now use the individuals Social Insurance Number for identification

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106th Overseas Battalion  
Eastern Front

106th Overseas Battalion  
Tunisia

# ADDITIONS TO M.G.S. MEDAL ROLL OF INDIAN WARRIORS (Original roll on page 366)

ACTUAL NAMING ON MEDAL	CLASP	REFERENCE
LAZAR SOWENHESE, WARRIOR	CF-C	England
JOHN PIGEON OMEME, WARRIOR	CF	Band, Sotheby 70
BIG JACOB PAHAHEWICKJECOMWABY, WARRIOR	CF	Band
SARO SASKWENHAROWANE, WARRIOR	C	Band
KING JAMES INDIAN NAHWHAGUASK, WARRIOR	no bars	
WISHE SKAIONWIIO, WARRIOR	C	Wallis & Wallis
ROWI SAHOARON, WARRIOR	C	Spinks 1950

## WORLD WAR I REGIMENTAL NUMBERS

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BN	BLOCK		
1 -	6101-7500	55 -	444001-446000
2 -	7501-9000	56 -	446001-448000
3 -	9001-10500	57 -	448001-451000
4 -	10501-12600	58 -	451001-454000
5 -	12601-14400	59 -	454001-457000
6 -	14401-16200	60 -	457001-460000
7 -	16201-18000	61 -	460001-463000
8 -	1-1800	62 -	463001-466000
9 -	18001-19500	63 -	466001-469000
10 -	19501-21000	64 -	469001-472000
11 -	21001-22500	65 -	472001-475000
12 -	22501-24000	66 -	100001-102000
13 -	24001-25500	67 -	102001-104000
14 -	25501-27000	68 -	104001-106000
15 -	27001-28500	69 -	120001-123000
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22 -	61001-63000	76 -	141001-144000
23 -	63001-65000	77 -	144001-147000
24 -	65001-67000	78 -	147001-150000
25 -	67001-69000	79 -	150001-153000
26 -	69001-71000	80 -	219001-222000
27 -	71001-73000	81 -	157001-160000
28 -	73001-75000	82 -	160001-163000
29 -	75001-77000	83 -	171001-174000
30 -	77001-79000	84 -	163001-166000
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 9 CMR - 114001-114910  
 10CMR - 115001-115201  
 12CMR - 117101-117644  
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 Remount Depot - 49001-49100  
 2nd Div Re Dep - 491xx-497xx  
 Vet Sec - 512150-512170  
 Yukon Inf Co - 2004xxx  
 63rd Regt Draft - 488xxx  
 66th Regt Draft - 489xxx  
 90th Regt Draft - 475xxx  
 95th Regt Draft - 2000xxx



C12-24. HP. Buffalo and mount in silver, remainder in brass. A cavalry star surcharged with an annulus inscribed MANITOBA XII DRAGOONS ensigned with the Crown. Within the annulus, on a plain background, a buffalo charging, upon a mount. Below the annulus a trefoil. 128 x 118. GO 180, 1939.

C12-25. PB. In silver and gilt. As for C12-13. GO 180, 1939.

C12-26. WP. In gilt. As for C12-14. GO 180, 1939.

#### 13th "SCOTTISH LIGHT DRAGOONS"

Converted from 79th Shefford & Brome Regiment (Highlanders) to 13th Scottish Light Dragoons, GO 39, February 19, 1904. Disbanded February 1936. Uniform scarlet with yellow facings and red and white plume.

#### Badges and Insignia

C13-1. HP. The Arms of Lord Dundonald - argent, a chevron gules between three boars heads erased azure, collared and lined or, between two grey hounds; all in white metal. The regimental name and number 13th SCOTTISH LIGHT DRAGOONS on a ribbon and CANADA on a ribbon below. The whole surmounted by an Earl's coronet. In brass. All enclosed within a large wreath of maple leaves in brass and mounted on a military star. 128 x 102. GO 24, 1906.

C13-2. Cap. The badge and wreath as for C13-1 without the star. 80 x 73. GO 24, 1906. White metal and brass.

C13-3. C. The badge without wreath as for C13-2. 40 x 37. GO 24, 1906.

C13-4. Sh. In brass. The numeral "13", 19 high.

#### 14th KING'S CANADIAN HUSSARS

Organized June 12, 1874 as the King's Canadian Hussars and became the 14th King's Canadian Hussars December 1, 1903. Reorganized as The King's (Nova Scotia) Mounted Rifles March 15, 1920 and to the King's Canadian Hussars by GO 107, 1925. The regiment was converted to artillery December 1936. Uniform blue with white facings and plume. Allied with 3rd King's Own Hussars.

#### Badges and Insignia

C14-1. Cap. A wreath of Mayflowers supporting the Crown. Below the Crown and overlying the wreath, a scroll with the motto VOTA VITA MEA. Under the wreath, a ribbon with the designation KING'S CANADIAN HUSSARS. GO 38, 1892.

C14-2. Cap. Burnished and frosted gilt. The regimental number "14" enclosed within a wreath of Mayflowers surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Below the wreath a triple scroll inscribed KING'S - CANADIAN - HUSSARS. 48 x 45. 1904-1921.

C14-3. C. In brass. The regimental number "14" flanked on each side by a sprig of maple leaves and surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Below, two curved scrolls, one below the other, inscribed VOTA VITA MEA and KING'S CANADIAN HUSSARS. 27 x 30. 1904 - 1921.

C14-4. C. In white metal. As for C14-3.

C14-5. Cap. Crown and regimental title in gilt, remainder in white metal. A mayflower wreath supported by a scroll bearing the regimental title KING'S CANADIAN HUSSARS and surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Within the wreath a maple leaf having superimposed thereon a Moose's head supported by a scroll bearing the regimental motto VOTA VITA MEA. 51 x 44. GO 108, 1927.

C14-6. Cap. As for C14-5 except in brass. GO 108, 1927.

C14-7. C. Crown and regimental title in gilt, remainder of badge in white metal. A maple leaf supported by a scroll bearing the regimental title KING'S CANADIAN HUSSARS having superimposed thereon a Moose's head supported by a scroll bearing the regimental motto VOTA VITA MEA with an Imperial Crown above. 35 x 32. GO 108, 1927.

C14-8. C. In brass. As for C14-7. GO 108, 1927.

C14-9. Sh. In gilt. The letters K.C.H. in 13 mm letters. GO 108, 1927.

C14-10. Sh. In brass. As for C14-9. GO 108, 1927.

C14-11. PB. As for C14-7. GO 72, 1932.

C14-12. Sh. In brass. The numeral "14", 19 mm high. 1904-1921.

#### THE 15th LIGHT HORSE

Organized July 3, 1905 from Canadian Mounted Rifles. Redesignated The 15th Canadian Light Horse, March 15, 1920. Amalgamated with The South Alberta Horse February 16, 1936 and redesignated The 15th Alberta Light Horse. It became 22nd Fld Bty, R.C.A. April 1, 1946. Uniform scarlet with yellow facings. Allied with 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars.

#### Badges and Insignia

C15-1. Cap. Head and neck of Antelope, regardant; between the horns the King's Crown; underneath the head a scroll inscribed 15th L.H.; SEMPER VIGILANS. 1907.

C15-2. C. As for C15-1 except smaller. 1907. The Crown is an early style Imperial Crown and the scroll extends more horizontally than later issues of the same description.

C15-3. Sh. The numeral "15", in brass.

C15-4. Cap. Stag's head in silver, remainder of badge in gilt. A Stag's head: between the horns 15 L.H., Over a bar with the word CANADA; the whole surmounted by a Tudor Crown. Beneath:- a scroll inscribed SEMPER ALACER. 53 x 43. GO 103, 1925.



- C15-5. C. As for C15-4 except 32 x 26. GO 103, 1925.
- C15-6. Sh. In gilt, the letters C.L.H. in 13mm plain block letters.
- C15-7. C. In brass, as for C15-5 except 29 x 34.
- C15-8. WP. In gilt, as for C15-4. GO 74, 1932.
- C15-9. PB. In gilt, as for C15-4. GO 74, 1932.
- C15-10. Cap. A stag's head with the designation "15 L.H." between the horns; above the horns a bar inscribed CANADA and surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Below the stag's head, a scroll with the motto SEMPER ALACER. Stag's head in silver, remainder of badge in gilt. 53 x 43. GO 138, 1939.
- C15-11. C. As for C15-10 except 32 x 26. GO 138, 1939.
- C15-12. Sh. In gilt, the letters "A.L.H." in 13mm plain block.
- C15-13. Cap. As for C15-10 except in brass. GO 138, 1939.
- C15-14. C. As for C15-11 except in brass. GO 138, 1939.
- C15-15. Sh. As for C15-12 except in brass. GO 138, 1939.

#### THE SOUTH ALBERTA LIGHT HORSE

Organized September 28, 1954 from the 68th L.A.A. Regt., R.C.A. and The South Alberta Regiment and the 41st A/T Regt. R.C.A.

#### Badges and Insignia

- C15-16. Cap. As for C15-13 except letters on bars between horns read "S.A.L.H." and the Crown is of St. Edward. 1954.
- C15-17. C. As for C15-16 except 32 x 26. 1954.

#### THE 16th LIGHT HORSE

Organized July 3, 1905 as the 16th Mounted Rifles (GO 154, 1905). By GO 186, 1908 it was redesignated the 16th Light Horse. It became The 16th Canadian Light Horse on March 15, 1920. In 1936 it was amalgamated with The Saskatchewan Light Horse to become the 16th/22nd Canadian Light Horse. Uniform scarlet with yellow facings. Allied with the 16th/5th Lancers.

#### Badges and Insignia

- C16-1. Cap. A moose's head, with motto KING AND EMPIRE, on scroll underneath. GO 100, 1907.
- C16-2. C. As for C16-1 except smaller. 1907.
- C16-3. Sh. The numeral "16" on a single bar. 1907.

Cl6-4. Cap. A Moose's head flanked by sprays of maple leaves and supported by a ribbon bearing the motto FOR KING AND EMPIRE. In brass. 45 x 45. GO 41, 1928.

Cl6-5. C. As for Cl6-4 except 30 x 30. GO 41, 1928.

Cl6-6. Sh. In brass, the title "16th C.L.H." in 13mm plain block letters. GO 41, 1928.

Cl6-7. Cap. A Moose's head in white metal, flanked on each side by sprays of maple leaves and supported by a ribbon bearing the motto FOR KING AND COUNTRY. In brass except moose head. 40 x 55.

Cl6-8. C. As for Cl6-7 except 21 x 29, in pairs.

Cl6-9. C. As for Cl6-8 except all brass. 20 x 30.

#### THE 16th/22nd CANADIAN LIGHT HORSE

Organized December 15, 1936 by the amalgamation of the 16th Canadian Light Horse and The Saskatchewan Light Horse. The regiment was amalgamated with The Prince Albert and Battleford Volunteers May 1, 1941.

Cl6-10. HB. In brass, upon a circular plate 45mm in diameter a badge as Cl6-4 except 20 x 30. GO 1, 1933.

Cl6-11. PB. As for Cl6-10. GO 1, 1933.

Cl6-12. WP. As for Cl6-10. GO 1, 1933.

Cl6-13. In brass. Within a wreath of Maple leaves joined at the top by a scroll inscribed AUT VINCERE AUT MORI, a horseshoe inscribed CANADA, surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Within the horse-shoe, a horse's head to the sinister, below the horse's head, the numerals 16/22nd. Superimposed upon the wreath, below the horse-shoe, a scroll with ends extending up both sides; the left side inscribed "1905", "16L.H.", "16C.L.H."; the right, 1908, "22L.H.", "S.M.R.", and the centre section of the scroll bearing the designation SASKATCHEWAN HORSE. 48 x 54. GO 249, 1939.

Cl6-14. C. In brass. A pair of crossed lances with the Imperial Crown between the pennons. Superimposed on the lances below, a scroll inscribed SASKATCHEWAN HORSE, above the scroll and between the lances the numerals "16/22". 29 x 30. GO 249, 1939.

Cl6-15. Sh. In brass. The designation SASK. HORSE in 10 mm letters.

Ronald Greene

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This firm was started by Alfred James Jacoby, better known as Dick Jacoby, in 1909. Shortly afterwards he took in his brothers as partners. The family had come from Altona, Germany to Tacoma in 1892 where Julius Jacoby went into the dry goods business and became an American citizen. Julius had six children; four sons, Alfred, Martin, Sigfried (Sig), Henry and two daughters, Amalie and Henrietta.

In 1900 Alfred J., at age 14, started work with Mayer Bros in Seattle. He went to Vancouver in 1905 to work with Geo. E. Trorey (who sold to Henry Birks & Sons Ltd) and then managed their store. By 1908 he had become head jeweller and was earning the princely sum of \$17 per week. The following year he was offered a job to manage a manufacturing jeweler's factory in Nanaimo with a guaranteed \$100 per month. After less than a year the factory closed, Jacoby bought the equipment and moved to Vancouver, setting up in October 1909 with \$500 capital. The firm grew quickly in size after it was founded. By 1910 there were 30 employees. Since then the number has fluctuated from a high of 30 to a low of 7. Presently there are 15 employees. Alfred Jacoby died in 1956, today Alfred's two sons, Alfred and Robert operate the business.

The original premises were on Hastings Street but in 1919 operations moved to Hamilton Street and in 1953 the present premises at 434 West Pender Street were occupied.

Apart from the usual jewelry items the firm has been responsible for a number of well-known tokens, medals and badges. Among the items originating from the shop were the Regimental Institute pieces, the McLennan, McFeely & Prior credit tokens, the 1927 Victoria B.C. Columbia Chapter R.A.M. Jubilee medal, a number of Masonic Pennies, Vancouver Exhibition Association medals, several Royal Agricultural & Industrial Society of British Columbia medals, Graduate Nurse's pins for a number of hospitals, many C.E.F. badges and a long series of gold jeweler's pieces. Many of the firm's old dies were recently given to the Provincial Archives in Victoria.

C.E.F. badges for which dies are known to have been produced are the following:

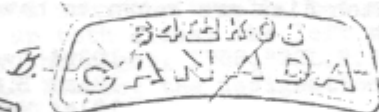
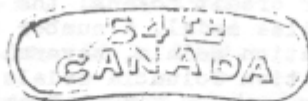
11th C.M.R.	103rd Overseas, Victoria
29th Vancouver	121st B.C. Western Irish
47th Westminster	131st Westminster
48th Victoria	158th Duke of Connaught's
54th Kootenay Overseas Bn	172nd Rocky Mountain Rangers
67th Overseas, Victoria B.C. High.	
88th Battery, Victoria Fusiliers	104th Regiment
Royal Canadian Artillery and the 72nd Highlanders.	

Another badge associated with the C.E.F. was made for Joe W. Boyle, (actually the badge was made by O.B. Allan, Vancouver) a man of legendary qualities. Born in Toronto in 1867 he had become a millionaire

in the Klondike gold rush. Even in that land of giants he was noted for his wealth, albility and physical strength and had earned the name of "Klondike Boyle" (Beattie, Kim. "Brother Here's a Man! The Saga of Klondike Boyle". MacMillan. New York. 1940) At the outbreak of the First World War a number of Yukoners eager to enlist at Dawson and proud of their bravery and courage appealed to Boyle to form a unit that would retain its own Yukon identity. Boyle went to bat for them. He received grudging permission from Ottawa to recruit and equip an independant Machine Gun Company of 50 men -- at his own expense. Officially known as the Yukon Machine-Gun Battery but recognized by the men themselves and in the army as "Boyles' Battery". The group was organized partially along the lines of other independant machine gun batteries and partially along Boyles' own lines. Boyle, himself, realized that he was untrained to lead his own men, and ignoring his honorary lieutenant-colonelcy offered his services to London and Ottawa. Boyle's Battery was suddenly broken up and his men dispersed throughout the C.E.F. into many units. Despite his tremendous wrath at this double-cross his patriotism took him to London where in 1916 he was appointed a colonel and dispatched to Russia to help reorganize the railways of that beleaguered country. He was the last to wear the badges of his own unit -- in solid gold, which created quite a stir! Engulfed in the Russian Revolution he vanished for a year and later went on to Romania where he performed great services for that country.

In 1922, Boyle, in poor health, endangered his life to help a friend in need and he died only five months later, in April 1923. Penniless when he died in London, England, he was remembered by, among others, the Dowager Empress of Russia and Queen Marie of Romania. The Yukoners who formed "Boyle's Battery" lived up to their own expectations. Every officer and 24 men were decorated for bravery.

An interesting letter from Jacoby Bros. to J.W. Boyle soliciting the contract for badges is given below. Also below are sketches by Jacoby which he used to solicit contracts for other C.E.F. badges.



Approved  
C.H.K.

Sketch must conform to past pattern

# JACOBY BROS.

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**MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE JEWELERS**  
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**DIAMONDS, PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES**  
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VANCOUVER, B.C., February 18th, 1915.

J.W. Boyle, Esq.,  
 Chateau Laurier,  
 Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:-

We trust you received our little note regarding the making of the Cap, Collar and Shoulder Badges for your Yukon Contingent which we left at the Hotel Vancouver while you were there, and regret not having had an opportunity to see you personally in reference thereto.

Understanding that you were desirous of making some alterations therein which would embody the words "Yukon Battery" as well as your name, we beg herewith to submit suitable sketches for same, still using the Maple Leaf and Crown background. Should it be your wish to have an entirely different design and still embody some of this lettering, we would be very pleased if you would submit such design to us so that we may have an opportunity to quote you, thereby keeping this work out here, and as we are fully equipped to execute any design you might select, can assure you first-class and entirely satisfactory workmanship.

We can make an inexpensive set in the regulation Bronze finish or in Sterling Silver oxidized finish or in Solid Gold in any suitable finish desired. For the special design we are enclosing numbered "A" we beg to quote you as follows:-

50 Cap Badges Bronze finished .....	\$52.50
100 Collar Badges " " .....	65.00
100 Shoulder " " .....	35.00 (which would be
	152.50 \$3.05 per set
	of five)

In any finish, preferably Oxidized or Gold-plated:-

50 Cap Badges, Sterling Silver .....	\$90.00
100 Collar " " " .....	140.00
100 Shoulder " " " .....	150.00
	380.00 (or \$7.50 set of 5)

In any finish, preferably Rose Gold:-

50 Cap Badges, 10K Solid Gold .....	190.00
100 Collar " " " .....	240.00
100 Shoulder " " " .....	320.00
	750.00 (or \$15.00 set of 5)



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As we already have part of the Dies and Cutters of the outline for the sketch style "B" which are same as those we have already made for your Contingent, could use these again by slight changes in the lettering, thereby reducing the cost quite a little, and for which we beg to quote you as follows:-

50 Cap Badges Bronze finish	\$35.00
100 Shoulder " "	35.00
100 Collar " "	47.50
	<u>117.50</u> (or \$2.35 set of 5)
50 Cap Badges Sterling Silver	60.00 any finish
100 Collar badges " "	90.00
100 Shoulder " "	100.00
	<u>\$250.00</u> (or \$5.00 set of 5)

50 Cap Badges 10K Solid Gold	\$150.00
100 Collar " " " "	200.00
100 Shoulder " " " "	275.00
	<u>625.00</u> (or \$12.50 set of 5)

In case we make the new set as suggested, for your Contingent, we will change those we made for them by making them into brooches or Hatpins and gold-plating same so they may be used as Souvenirs, free of charge. Trusting you will decide to have us proceed with this order in which case you might wire us so as to save unnecessary delay, and assuring you entirely satisfactory work, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

JACOB BROTHERS

Per *[Signature]*



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R. W. Irwin

On March 23, 1919 Major-General Newburn, Minister of Militia and Defence announced in the House of Commons that a memorial plaque and a memorial scroll would be presented by His Majesties government to the next-of-kin of all Empire soldiers who had fallen in the war. These were issued in Canada by the Department of Militia and Defence as received from England and no application was required to receive them.

The memorial plaque is 121 mm in diameter and 3 mm thick and cast in gun metal bronze. Over 800 designs were submitted in open competition to a committee who selected that of E. Carter Preston of Liverpool, designer of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The plaque bears his initials "E C P". The obverse design depicts Britannia standing, facing right, with a trident in her right arm and an olive branch in her left hand which is extended above a raised rectangular tablet in which bears the name of the person memorialized in relief. The full name of the person is in capitals with serifs. There is no unit or other identification. At her side stands a lion, erect, facing right, an oak leaf branch before it. Below the exurgue line upon which the lion stands is a small lion killing a fallen eagle, symbolic of the British victory over Germany. The inscription reads HE \* DIED \* FOR \* FREEDOM \* AND \* HONOUR \*. Two dolphins are in the field behind Britannia's right elbow and before her face.

The reverse is uniface although those casted at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich bear a stamp "W" in a circle.

A hand stamped casting number is located (1) behind the left rear foot of the lion, or, (2) above the left rear foot of the lion and behind its tail. The second type have small size numbers and is associated with the "W" and circle stamp on the reverse. There were 60,000 war memorial plaques issued in Canada.

The memorial scroll and memorial plaque were to be issued at the same time but this proved impossible as the supply of plaques were late in arriving due to the scarcity of metal. The scrolls were largely issued in 1920 and 1921. There were 67,000 issued in Canada, to next-of-kin.

The scroll is a rectangular heavy paper bearing the words:

"He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, enduring hardships, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten."

This is followed by an inscription of the soldier's name. The scroll

is surmounted by a device including the Royal Arms and Royal Cypher in colour.

The scroll was accompanied by a letter from King George V dated at Buckingham Palace which reads:

"I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War."

George R I

