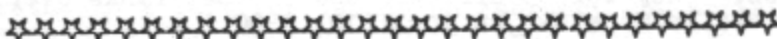


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The medal awarded to Lord Strathcona's Horse for their service in South Africa is scarce and has been the subject of much writing, much of it restating what has been written before, and often incorrect. This article is based on a search of the Public Record Office, London and the assistance of many friends knowing details of the medals. The short-comings of this article will be pointed out below.

Lord Strathcona, Sir Donald Smith, was Canadian High Commissioner at London and as a personal effort to assist with the Boer War he paid the whole cost of raising and transporting a corps of mounted riflemen to South Africa. The material was supplied by the Militia Department. The men, largely recruited from the Royal North West Mounted Police in British Columbia, North West Territories and Manitoba, signed a contract for one years service. Lt.Col. S.B. Steele who was 2 ic of the Canadian Mounted Rifles was appointed to Command.

Recruiting was completed by February 8, 1900 and after an inspection at Ottawa on February 14 the unit sailed on the S.S. Monterey as a part of the 2nd Canadian Contingent from Halifax on March 17, 1900. The authorized marching out state was 28 officers, 512 other ranks and 599 horses. They were 3 officers and 3 other ranks over strength. The unit arrived in Capetown on April 10, 1900.

The unit was held at Capetown for six weeks and it was not until July 1 that they were assigned to Lord Dundonald's 3rd Mounted Brigade in the Natal Army. They took part in seven important engagements. Reinforcements comprising one officer and 50 other ranks were sent to them in May at Waterval. There were about two local enlistments in South Africa making a regimental total of 596.

On January 11, 1901 it was proposed that the unit return to Canada and it left for Capetown, their tour of duty ended as per contract. The unit boarded H.M.T. LAKE ERIE and sailed January 21, 1901. Lord Strathcona had arranged that the unit return home via London. Queen Victoria died on January 22, 1901 and plans were probably made at this time to honour the regiment.

The transport arrived at Gravesend on February 13, 1901, too late for the tide to embark at London. Men suffering from fever were taken off and sent to hospital. Joseph Colmer, CMG, Secretary to Lord Strathcona boarded the transport and presented details of the next few days program. The regiment disembarked the morning of February 14 and were rushed to line the route on Pall Mall for the ceremonial Opening of Parliament by King Edward VII. They were quartered in the Royal Palace Hotel and Kensington and St. John's Barracks on Albany St.

The London Times of February 15, 1901 states "Squadron Leaders and Sergeant Majors of the Regiment attended at the War Office at 5 o'clock yesterday evening with the Rolls of their respective Squadrons. The medals were handed over and taken to Barracks where they were arranged in preparation for presentation this morning." The medals were then sent to the Palace. It is obvious that the medals were named otherwise little arranging would have been necessary.

Col. Steele, in his biography, states that he marched the regiment to Buckingham Palace led by the Foot Guards band on February 15 where the regiment formed up on the grounds which had been swept of snow. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with Lord Strathcona, inspected the regiment and presented them with the King's Colour. According to Col. Steele and the Times the 22 officers and 393 other ranks present on parade were each presented with the South African war medal "the first issued to any troops, as the decoration had only just been struck."

At the same ceremony Col. Steele was presented the M.V.O. and Sergt. Richardson his Victoria Cross by King Edward.

The regiment returned to barracks and were dismissed for the day. On the 16th Col. Steele escorted three privates who were on baggage detail the previous day to the Palace where the King, dressed as a Field Marshal and surrounded by aides, presented the men with their South African medals. The report of the Associated Press state that the number of officers and men at the Palace was 350 on parade. It is more likely that the former number is correct. The medal roll to Strathcona's Horse lists 596 medals awarded under the terms of Army Order 94, 1901. I should point out that it was only the medal that was awarded, clasps were not issued for another year.

The Strathcona's left for Canada on February 23, arriving at Halifax on March 8, 1901. Many of the regiment re-enlisted in the South African Constabulary. There were 38 who had remained in South Africa to join other units and 145 remained in England. The unit lost 26 men killed in action or died of wounds.

It is reasonable to conclude from the above that each man on parade was certainly given a medal on February 15 for a total of 418. Veterans questioned about this confirm that the medals were kept and not handed back for naming at a later date or to have the date removed. At this distant time they do not remember the presence or absence of a date but are emphatic that they kept the medal after it was awarded. Had they been turned in I am certain there would be a number of unnamed specimens on the market which is not true. Many of the medals to those not on parade were mailed to South Africa or were presented by H.R.H. Duke of Cornwall and York during his tour of Canada September 16, 1901 to October 19, 1901.

The Medal

The obverse of the medal depicts the veiled bust of Queen Victoria to the left, crowned, with the inscription VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX. The reverse shows Britannia holding, in her left hand the Union Flag, in her right a laurel wreath, in the background are troops marching to the coast, two men-of-war in the distance. The words SOUTH AFRICA are above. The laurel wreath points to the "R" in AFRICA. In the field, to the right of Britannia, in two horizontal lines are the years 1899 and 1900. These numerals are clearly raised above the surface but are about one-half the size of the letters in AFRICA. The medal was designed by the engraver of the Royal Mint, G.W. De Saulles. The clasps are narrow, being only 1-3/8 in by 5/32 in and are fixed 3/32 in apart with cup headed rivets. It has a straight swivel suspender with an ornamental clip.

The ribbon has a broad center orange stripe between two narrow stripes of dark blue with red borders. The naming on the edge is in indented block capitals with Number, Rank, Name, and the unit title LD. STRATHCONA'S H: The apostrophe is inverted on some medals, likely due to carelessness rather than any other reason. The clasps to this regiment vary but were predominately NATAL, ORANGE FREE STATE, BELFAST and SOUTH AFRICA 1901. The clasps were sent as a unit of three in October 1902. The 1901 clasp was sent in 1905, many were returned.

The dates 1899 and 1900

On page 604 of this Journal I pointed out that the Master of the Mint had enquired as to "What is to be put on the medal to identify it with this war? Is it to bear a date?" It was pointed out there were other medals for South Africa and on March 23, 1900 General Knox suggested the dates "1899 - 1900" be used to identify the medal.

The 31st Report of the Royal Mint states that "by the end of 1900 102,043 (Q.S.A. medals) had been struck and issued to Woolwich to be engraved with the recipients name." "In February 1901 the Secretary of State for War expressed the desire that as soon as medals at hand were done they be struck without the date in future. New dies have been prepared." It goes on to say that in February 1901 50,000 were restruck to obliterate the date. The 32nd Report gives the total for South Africa as 370,000 including the 50,000 restruck. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated (House of Commons Debates) on July 18, 1901 that "177,000 Q.S.A. had been struck with the dates 1899 - 1900 before February 1, 1901. The number struck after February 1, 1901 with the date was 50,000 but none of these were issued. They were restruck at the Mint without a date and are included in the number struck since February 1 without a date, which amount is 179,830."

The Mint Report states the medals were sent to Woolwich for engraved with the name. Dawson (O.M.R.S. #117, p. 96), states that the Royal Mint contracted the naming of 500 medals to Spink and suggests that upon their return to the Mint an attempt was made to remove the dates but the job was not completed. He also states they were awarded in a box. The known facts are given, what is the best hypothesis?

First, the author discounts the common story that the dates were erased from individual medals with an engraving tool. If one looks at the ghost dates on toned medals they are identical. I believe that in early February, after the date problem was raised by the Secretary for War, the Mint filled in the dates on the reverse die and tooled off the extra metal. The undated medals with the wreath pointing to "R" were part of the 50,000 that were restruck before the new die with the wreath pointing to "F" became available.

Secondly, the dated medals. There were 177,000 struck with the dates prior to the change in orders in early February. It is my belief that in the hurry to have the Strathcona medals named that a portion of these were mixed with the restruck medals in a random fashion since the medal roll is alphabetical and the dated medals are randomly scattered throughout the roll. The roll must have been in England prior to the units arrival and the naming done quite late before they were required on February 14, 1901. Eventually the story may be complete but the pertinent documents have not been located.

MEDAL TO STRATHCONA'S HORSE IN MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

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Regt No	Rank	Name	Clasps	Sqdn	Reverse
	Lieut	J.E. Leckie	N,O,B,01,02		
4	RSM	J. Hynes	N,O,B,01,02	C	Dated
6	Sergt	J.D. Johnstone	N,B	A	
17	Pte	B.L. Deacon	N,O,B,01	A	
32	Pte	F.N. Powell	N,O,B,+KM	A	Dated
45	Pte	J. Paul	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
46	Sergt	A.H. RichardsonVC	N,B,01	A	Dated
71	Pte	A. Drever	N,O,B,01	A	
83	Pte	J.R. Stalker	N,O,B,01	A	Dated
123	Pte	G.S. Palmer	N,O,B,01	A	Dated
228	Pte	B.L. Niblock	N,T	B	
229	Pte	H.M. Percy	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
241	Pte	J.E.C. Rice-Jones	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
243	Pte	J.S. Robson	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
246	Pte	H.H. Scott	N,O,B,01	B	
260	FarSgt	A. GilliesDCM	N,O,B,01	B	
296	Pte	G. Hazel	N,O,B,01	C	
309	Pte	C. Peterson	N,O,B	C	Dated
365	Pte	J.F.P. Nash	N,O,B,01	C	Dated
374	Sergt	R.B. Venner	N,O,B,01	C	
383	Pte	E.E. Jones	N,O,B	C	
387	Sergt	T.F. Miller	T,CC	-	Dated
394	Pte	F.F. Warren	N,O,B,01	C	
428	CSgt	J. Bullouch	N,O,B,01	A	
440	Tptr	E. McCormack	N,O,B,01,02	B	
441	Corpl	W.S. Townsend	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
447	Pte	A.O. Walker	N,O,B,01	?	
457	Corpl	A.K. McLellan	N,O,B,01	?	Dated
463	FarCpl	H. Jackson	N,O,B,01	B	Dated
471	Pte	A.H. Burdette	N,B,01	B	Dated
475	Pte	W. Fraser	N,O,B,01	C	
501	Sergt	W. Humfray	N,O,B	C	
509	Pte	A. Jenkins	N,T	B	Dated
515	RSM	F. Elliott	N,B,CC + KM	A	Dated
620	Pte	W. Palmer	B,CC,0,01	R	
637	Pte	W. Hutchinson	B,CC,0,01	R	
642	Pte	D.W. Rose	B,CC,0,01	R	
?	Corpl	J. Armstrong	CC,0,T	?	
354	Corpl	A.W. Johnson	N,O,B,01	C	Dated
480	Pte	T. Jamieson	N,O,B,01	B	

Other dates medals are as follows:-

24664 Sergt G.H. Taylor, R.E. CC,TH,O,RL,T

? Supt Clerk W. Smith, R.E.

Roberts medal in the Imperial War Museum

From the above list of known medals it would be most difficult to make any valid judgement. One could jump to the conclusion that they may be in groups of consecutive serial numbers. This is premature until a greater sample of medals is available for analysis. The above data would also indicate that about 50 percent of the medals may be dated, or possibly 300. Again, this is jumping to conclusions on the validity of our sample. We must wait and see.

The following comments pertain to the above medals:-

- Lieut. Leckie was present on parade on February 15 and received the King's Colour for the regiment.
- Jonothon Hynes (S/Sgt NWMP) enlisted Maple Creek, Sask Feb 5 and appointed SSM "C" Sqdn. Appointed RSM, vice Steele who was commissioned as paymaster, August 22nd, 1900. Home in Ireland. The dates have been removed from this medal and the dates 1900 - 1901 engraved with an engraving tool by a jeweller.
- Powell enlisted at Winnipeg, February 10 and was posted to H.Q. He also served in the Imperial Yeomanry as Lieutenant. Issued in 1904.
- Paul enlisted at Winnipeg, February 9
- Richardson (NWMP) enlisted as Corpl. at Chapleau, Ontario, February 14 and was posted to "A" Sqdn. Promoted Sergeant February 14. Awarded VC July 1, 1900. Home Liverpool, England.
- Drever enlisted Prince Albert, February 9, posted to "A" Sqdn.
- Stalker enlisted Prince Albert, February 9 (NWMP)
- Palmer enlisted Moosomin, February 6, posted to "A" Sqdn.
- Percy enlisted Calgary February 6
- Rice-Jones, first name is "Ivor", medal bears initial "J"
- Hazel, the medal has no clasps and has inverted apostrophe
- Nash enlisted at Kamloops February 8; O1 loose on ribbon
- Niblock medal presented in Canada by HRH in Calgary
- Warren medal presented in Canada by HRH at Ottawa 1901
- Miller is not on the roll. The naming is engraved, not indented, the medal is not renamed. Number 387 was given to H.J. Parham who enlisted at Revelstoke, B.C. February 7, 1900.
- Johnson enlisted as Corpl at Kamloops and later shown on roll as Pte
- Burdette enlisted at Fort Macleod February 6.
- Jenkins enlisted at Pincher Creek February 8. Killed in action July 7, 1900 at Watervaal.
- Jones medal issued in 1904
- Humfray medal issued in 1904, also has NW85 to PLDG, KSA to SAC and WW I trio as Lieut.
- Johnstone enlisted at Winnipeg February 10, also has BSA Co for SA and WW I trio as Major.
- Jackson enlisted at Ottawa March 2 and posted as Corpl Shoeingsmith.
- Elliott, this medal is a dog. Number 515 was issued to ex-RSM F. Elliott March 22, 1900. He was an ex-Sergeant Major of the R.H.A. and was appointed RSM of the Strathcona's in Ottawa on February 8. Four days later he became ill to perform his duties and was temporarily replaced. He resumed his duties before boarding ship but in transit had a disagreement with the 2ic, Major Robert Belcher, which resulted in his being charged with insubordination and reduction to Private. He remained in Capetown, an invalid, when the regiment went to Natal. He died of dysentery on October 17, 1900, at Pretoria.
- The Hon F.H.S. Roberts VC was killed at Colenso December 15, 1899. His father, Lord Roberts VC left South Africa for England December 11, 1900 and immediately was presented to the Queen. It is presumed that she gave him his sons medal which at that time would have been of the dated variety. It is in the National Army Museum with the clasps for Natal and Relief of Ladysmith.

The author would like to acknowledge the assistance given to him on the above article by Major Wyn van der Schee of Calgary.

LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS)

About the first of February 1900 Lord Strathcona authorized the raising of a corps of mounted riflemen for service in South Africa. This unit was disbanded March 9, 1901. The name of the corps is somewhat in doubt. The attestation papers for the men are typed "Strathcona's Horse". The official casualty lists give the name "Lord Strathcona's Horse". The Queens South Africa medals are indented with the words "LD. STRATHCONA'S H.". The decorations are indented with the words LORD STRATHCONA'S CORPS.

Major van der Schee writes that the name Lord Strathcona's Corps is probably the official original name. He points out that by regimental order 2 of 3 November 1900 that name was confirmed with the permission of Lord Strathcona so there would not be any confusion that the unit was associated with the town of Strathcona, N.W.T.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles were organized in Western Canada June 1, 1901 and were granted the designation of "Royal" October 1, 1903. The Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles were redesignated "Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)" October 1, 1909. This was again changed to "Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)" on May 1, 1911.

During the Boer War the unit wore the separate letters "S" and "H" on their shoulders and a cap badge in bronze of the crest of Lord Strathcona surmounted by a Baron's Crown. It was a small badge about 1 in by 1/2 in.

When the unit became a part of the permanent force in 1909 the first badge bore the words STRATHCONA'S HORSE ROYAL CANADIANS on the scroll and after 1911, the words LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE ROYAL CANADIANS. During the war the badge was changed and the tree was changed from being erect, to leaning and I quote:-

"For some years previous to the war the badge of the Lord Strathcona's Horse showed the tree on top of the shield standing erect. This seems to have been a mistake for Sir A.C. Macdonall - a former O/C says 'I am in a position to state that in the Coat of Arms of Lord Strathcona the tree always appears as leaning over, indicating the success attained by the perseverance of the beaver so busy at the base. As a matter of fact I have a letter somewhere from Lord Strathcona himself, in which he mentions that the tree should be leaning.'"

A listing of the badges of this unit are to be found on page 343 of the C.S.M.M.I. Journal.

So, you have just paid over \$750 for a little over an ounce of silver. Why didn't you buy a diamond? Have you ever seen a write up on the individual contribution of any medal recipient of the War of 1812? Do you really think you will be more successful? Another thing, do you really believe your eyes - medals are not always what they appear to be. This medal is very difficult to assess on an individual basis. The author has spent a great deal of time on this medal and presents the following as personal conclusions - as distinct from solid provable facts.

The outstanding contribution of Barbara Wilson in researching a medal roll for this war, and to Spinks for printing it, must first be acknowledged. It is a meticulous work based on the documents available in the Public Archives of Canada. Miss Wilson's work will remain the standard reference for years to come.

But, there are problems! Some of the problems are simple ones of actually reading the handwriting of 1850. That is, the name engraved on the medal is not precisely identical to that printed in the book - the fault may well lie with the engraver, however, if you owned a medal that disagreed with the roll its value would be a bit less. A number of instances will be pointed out below.

Another hazard is that without a medal roll available medals and clasps have been going their separate ways and meeting again in improper situations. A few instances of this will be pointed out. The source of my information is several medal rolls acquired from early collectors which bear the location and status of the medal.

Miss Wilson's medal roll is the best we have but it is not complete. Let's look at a little history, much of which is prefaced in the Wilson book. The Board of Canadian Officers was set up to receive petitions for the medal and to evaluate and rule on the claims. Their first list of 275 names was submitted to the Governor General who in turn submitted it to the British Treasury (T2/207/1337) who in turn sent it on to the Royal Mint. The medals were sent to Canada in July 1849. The correspondence in the War Office series contains the covering letter but not the alphabetical list. The list was found by Miss Wilson on RG10/264. The medals on the list are all single clasp. The list also contains 100 Warriors.

The Board of Officers submitted a second list of Canadian Militia (T2/211/10119) on May 17, 1850 and a third list on March 11, 1852. These lists have not been located. What actually exists (RG8/C1202) is a compilation of several lists. This is obvious when the known first list is checked against the list to whom medals have been granted. Errors in copying from the original is possible. Again the claims for additional clasps have not been found, an elusive problem which remains unsolved. A number of genuine appearing medals exist which are not on the roll. These will be listed below.

What about the Warriors? The first list contained 100 Indians (these are on p. 23-25 of Wilson), all single clasp. There are at

least two additional lists which have not been located. The Board of Officers submitted to Treasury lists of Warriors for medals and clasps on July 4, 1850 (T2/211/13603) and on August 16, 1850 (T2/211/16739). No lists are attached to this correspondence. This is substantiated by the existence of medals not in the printed roll.

Well, why don't we just copy the medal roll on WO 100, vol 10 in the PRO in London? The reason is that the lists to the Canadian Militia is not there. What exists is a copy of the compilation made by B. Sulte and dated May 7, 1897 (15552). Rather disappointing to spend many hours for nought. There are no Indians at all.

Col. Foster used the above list in 1946 for this MGSM medal roll. In WO 100, vol 10 are a few short lists submitted by the Board in late 1850 and 1851. These are the so called "odd men" in Foster. The naming on the medals may not be Canadian Militia although I think it should be. There was a similar roll published in 1895 in Military Naval Medal Magazine which was transcribed and published by CSMMI in 1966. A very comprehensive attempt to produce a medal roll was made in 1905 by L.H. Irving in preparation of his book on Officers who served in the War of 1812. This roll is in PAC as MG24/G8.

In conclusion, unless further medal rolls are unearthed we have as much information on this medal as we are likely to obtain. The information on individuals is particularly sparse, although the pay lists and land records might yield meagre rewards.

Information from medals at variance with the medal roll:-

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| p. 5 ADAMS | p.12 Auge medal bears Chat. |
| BALDWIN, B clasp CF on medal | ANGER |
| BARRON | BARRETT |
| BEAUDOIN | BELLINGI ???? Spinks |
| p. 7 GAUDET for Goulet | BERCZY |
| GOURLAY, different person | Benoit bears brooch marks |
| KINTHER | p.13 BROCK |
| LABATT for Labute | BOISVERT (2 men?) |
| p. 8 LAMARCHE | p.14 DUPIL |
| p. 9 SHAMEROI | Dube bears clasp CF |
| SIMOND | Doyer, no clasp in 1896, now FD |
| SMITZER | p.15 FRANCOEUR |
| SMITH, two clasps FD + CF | Gagnon, J.B. bears CF |
| STEENHOOF | GAUVEAU |
| p.10 STIRLING | p.16 GORGE also bears brooch marks |
| Wilkinson bears clasp Chat.? | GUIBEAULT |
| p.11 YEAGER | p.17 LEFEVRE H. |
| YAGH | Lepart, CF on medal 1876, now |
| p. 21 Williams bears brooch marks | p.18 MIGNAULT no clasp |
| Williamson bears cast clasp, | PLOMONDON |
| should be Chat (Sulte) | POISSAUD |
| | p.19 PLEAUX for Proulx, A. |
| | ROTOTTE for Rottet |
| | ROE |
| / - means delete letter | p.20 SAUNIER |
| - - means letter changed | THERRIEN |
| | TOUSSIGNANT no bar on medal |
| | VEILLIEUX J.B. |

Additions to the printed medal roll

SMELSER, J.	C.M.	F.D.	AUCLAIRE, J. Pte	Chat + C.F.
CAMPBELL, C.	C.M.	F.D.	BELISLE, G.	C
CAMPBELL, W.	C.M.	F.D.	GUGY, B.C.A.	Ensign C
HULL, R.	C.M.	F.D.	FORNIER, J.	Sergt C
LYTTLE, N.	Ensign C.M.	F.D.	GOUDREAU, P.	Sergt C
SPRINGER, D.	Captain C.M.	F.D.	JULIEN, S.	C
PEARCE, George	Med Supt C.M.	F.D.	LECLAIRE, J.B.	FD + C + CF
			LAUNIERE, L.	Lieut C
			SOMER, H.	CF
			SIMON, J.C.	Capt. C

p. 23 ANIONKON

CHOUGHELIN

HENENHARAKETE

p. 23 Nāhiwhaquask, no clasps on medal

PAHAHEWICKJECOMWABY

Pheasant, medal bears clasps FD + CF

SASEN~~W~~OWANE, LAZAR, medal bears clasps C + CF

p. 24 TEWASARASERE, ROWI

TIOHATEKOL

Additions to the Indian Warrior list - there is a possibility of errors in cataloging medal names however they have been included here.

Anionkin, Wishe	Warrior	Fort Detroit
Armand, C.C.	Warrior	Chateauguay
Kariwakeron, R.	Warrior	Chateauguay
Karmarken, Tier	Warrior	Chateauguay
Karoniarakwen, Tier	Chief	Fort Detroit + Chrystler Farm
Mootee, Gunda	Warrior	Chateauguay
Sahoaron, Rowi	Warrior	Chateauguay
Sakahoron, Wishe	Warrior	Chrystlers Farm
Sasenowane, Tier	Warrior	Fort Detroit+Chateauguay+Chrystler Farm
Sataontion, Jacob	Warrior	Chateauguay
Sowenhese, Lazar	Warrior	Chateauguay + Chrystler Farm
Sowenhese, Tilion	Warrior	Chateauguay + Chrystler Farm
Sunday, John	Chief	Fort Detroit + Chrystler Farm
Taiakonepiaketa, Wishe	Warrior	Chateauguay
Takaritiontie, Wishe	Warrior	Chateauguay
Taratie, Wishe	Warrior	Fort Detroit + Chateauguay

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Bulger, Andrew	Lieut	Fort Detroit + Chrystler Farm
Garden, John C.	Lieut	Fort Detroit
Hierlihy, John George	Lieut	Chrystlers Farm
Johnston, Simon	Private	Fort Detroit
Osdell, Matthew	Private	Fort Detroit
Radenhurst, John	Lieut	Chrystlers Farm
Stemm, John	Private	Fort Detroit
Richardson, Barth'w		Fort Detroit + Chrystlers Farm
		(Attached from 25th Foot)

R.W. Irwin

This unit is of particular significance to the author since it was raised in the home town of Lindsay and I knew several members of the regiment. I do not own one of their badges as catalogued.

The 252 nd was raised in the lean days when voluntary enlistments were petering out. The 109 th Battalion had occupied the Armouries in Lindsay and the surrounding areas from November 15, 1915 until May 1916 when it went by train to Barriefield and then from Halifax to England July 24, 1916.

Lt Col J.J. Glass was appointed O/C of the proposed new 252 nd battalion on September 16, 1916. Sam Hughes, also of Lindsay, had given him authority to recruit in Victoria, Haliburton, Muskoka and New Ontario. When Sir Sam was asked to resign November 11, 1916 the new battalion was soon confined to the recruiting area of Victoria and Haliburton. Recruiting went badly and Col Glass asked to be relieved on January 25, 1917 and resigned outrightly January 27, 1917. He was replaced by Major R.E. Porter who took the unit to Kingston (70 men) on April 23, 1917. The battalion embarked at Halifax on the S.S. Olympic June 2, 1917. At this time the 2 ic Major G.J. Thompson took command of the battalion. The embarkation order shows a strength of 6 officers and 127 men. Included in this number were 16 from the 109 th, 3 from the 146 th, 4 from the 155 th and 1 from the 114 th. The unit was absorbed by the 6th Reserve Battalion (W.O.R.) reinforcing the 2, 21 and 38th Battalions at Whitley. It was officialy disbanded August 1, 1918.

The badge generally associated with the unit (E252) bearing LINDSAY BATTALION is one produced on speculation by Hemsley after the unit proceeded overseas. Discussions with many members of the unit confirm that they never saw this badge at any time. The set I own, which I obtained from a member of the regiment, is the general service maple leaf cap badge, general service maple leaf collar badges and the numeral "252" in standard size stamped on the reverse "BIRKS 1916". Photographs also confirm these as the actual badges worn by the unit.

The collar badge in the Canadian War Museum of the numeral 252 in an oval over the word CANADA in a fancy scroll appears to be associated with the speculative cap badge. I have not seen a collar badge in this set although it is unusual if there is not.

The battalion used the serial block 1087xxx and not all numbers were assigned. 1087003 enlisted September 23, 1916 and 1087351 on May 24, 1917; these appear to be the range in recruiting.

R.W. Irwin

Most of the facts pertaining to the 252 nd Battalion apply to this unit. The 93rd Battalion occupied the Armoury at Peterborough from November 7, 1915 to July 15, 1916. Lt Col C.H. Ackerman was authorized to raise the 247 th Battalion. The serial block assigned was 1063xxx. The recruiting time span was 1063004 enlisting on September 9, 1916 and 1063168 enlisting on April 6, 1917. The area was Peterborough County and Haliburton.

K.W. Irwin, a member of this unit, said they were absorbed by the 235 th Battalion of Bowmanville and went to Ottawa on April 9, 1917. The composite unit left Halifax on the S.S. Matigami May 3, 1917 438 strong. He went to the 19th Battalion.

The badges for the unit were the general service cap and collar badges and the shoulder numeral "247". I assume they wore the 235 badges although this is not confirmed.

The 247 th badge (E247) has the incorrect designation VICTORIA AND HALIBURTON. It is a speculative badge, that is, it was common at the time for manufacturers to design and produce a series of badges in the hopes that the unit would adopt them. These also occur in the lower battalion numbers as well. No collar badges have been seen. The author has a shoulder badge:- Beaver/247/CANADA. It is probably part of the speculative set.

Citation for the award of the Victoria Cross to Lance-Corporal James Murray on January 16th, 1881

JAMES MURRAY

(LANCE-CORPORAL)

94TH REGIMENT (NOW 2ND BATT. CONNAUGHT RANGERS)



At Elandsfontein, near Pretoria, January 16, 1881, Murray and his comrade, John Danaher, advanced for 500 yards into the open, under heavy fire, to rescue two men of the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers—Byrne and Davis—who had been severely wounded. No sooner had they started forward than Murray's horse was shot under him; still, without hesitation, he proceeded on foot. "We both," writes Murray, "reached them together, and, on stooping to raise Byrne's head, I was shot through the body, the ball entering my right side and passing out near the spine. Seeing how useless it was for Danaher to remain, I ordered him to secure my carbine and escape. Byrne breathed his last, by my side, soon after. Davis and I

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Chief of Defence Staff
award for all ranks.
It is a gold bar 19
mm long.



were taken prisoners, and, together with Byrne's body, carried in a bullock hide to the Boer camp on the mountain top, where we were well treated. They kept us there twenty-six hours. By the courtesy of the Boer commandant, we were then permitted to return to Pretoria, under a flag of truce, bringing with us the body of our poor comrade. Davis died five days afterwards."—Extract from a letter dated Dublin, March 25, 1891.

Submitted by J.P. Lawlor

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

BRANCH CAP BADGES



ADMINISTRATION



AIR OPERATIONS



ARMOUR



ARTILLERY



BAND



CHAPLAIN



COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING



DENTAL



INFANTRY



LAND ORDNANCE ENGINEERING



LEGAL



LOGISTICS



MEDICAL



MILITARY ENGINEERING



NAVAL OPERATIONS



SECURITY

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES COMMAND BADGES



AIR DEFENCE ~~COMMAND~~ ^{GROUP}



MOBILE COMMAND



COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND



MARITIME COMMAND



CANADIAN FORCES EUROPE



SUPP RADIO SYSTEM



NORTHERN REGION



TRAINING ~~COMMAND~~ ^{SYSTEM}



AIR TRANSPORT ~~COMMAND~~ ^{GROUP}

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

Reg't No.	Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date Granted.
172	Private	Nourse, C. B.	P. C. I. I.	Mar. 20, 1915.
39219	Sergeant	Gunn, G. W.	16th Battalion	June 22, 1915.
195119	Sergeant-Corporal	Adams, S. L.	10th "	" 20, 1915.
9067	Ar-Sergeant	Adams, H. M.	3rd "	" 20, 1915.
59115	Private	Bachelor, C. W.	Div. Sig. Co.	" 20, 1915.
22944	Private	Birdseye, R. W.	2nd Battalion	" 20, 1915.
32713	Sergeant	Brown, T. M.	" 2nd "	" 20, 1915.
19461	Private	Bloxham, C. H.	C. A. M. C.	" 20, 1915.
12357	Private	Coswell, J. D.	10th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
45009	Sgt.-Major	Clifton, A. E.	3th M. C.	" 20, 1915.
5646	Corporal	Castles, E. J.	Div. Sig. Co.	" 20, 1915.
37777	Sergeant	Cushman, R. J.	Div. Engineer	" 20, 1915.
33183	Pegman	Cushman, M.	15th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
16420	Sergeant	Duncan, W.	15th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
25874	Sergeant	Dryden, W. H.	7th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
46759	Private	Duncan, H.	13th "	" 20, 1915.
7680	Private	Higginson, A. S.	13th "	" 20, 1915.
9662	Sergeant	Ives, P. W.	3rd "	" 20, 1915.
21855	Private	Joylin, R. W.	5th "	" 20, 1915.
5965	Corporal	Kennedy, B. E.	Div. Sig. Co.	" 20, 1915.
10857	Sergeant	Kaye, A. W.	10th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
29819	Sergeant	Madigan, T. M.	10th "	" 20, 1915.
18576	Private	McGuire, T.	7th "	" 20, 1915.
92364	Private	Mallette, J. R.	2nd "	" 20, 1915.
32191	Private	McDonald, J.	14th "	" 20, 1915.
32094	Sergeant	McArthur, A.	Div. Train	" 20, 1915.
26776	Private	Price, C. B.	Div. Sig. Co.	" 20, 1915.
26648	Lieutenant	Parsons, H. M.	14th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
16246	Sergeant	Pate, S. W.	7th "	" 20, 1915.
30115	Driver	Quigley, H. S.	Div. Train	" 20, 1915.
21190	Private	Ross, T. O.	2nd Inf. Brigade	" 20, 1915.
19910	Corporal	Schultz, S.	10th Battalion	" 20, 1915.
19637	Corporal	Wagner, W.	C. A. M. C.	" 20, 1915.
32191	Private	White, G. A.	1st Battalion	" 20, 1915.
32204	Private	Walters, H. A.	5th "	" 20, 1915.
568	Private	Wakelin, F. B.	8th "	" 20, 1915.
6072	Lance-Corporal	Banbury, E. J.	1st "	" 20, 1915.
81066	Private	Baker, R. F.	P. P. C. I. I.	Aug. 3, 1915.
43059	Lieutenant	Donaldson, J. W. A.	3rd Bde. C. F. A.	" 3, 1915.
C46330	Sgt.-Major	Inker, C.	1st "	" 3, 1915.
1563	Private	Jordan, W.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
1199	Sergeant	James, A. W.	2nd Bde. C. F. A.	" 3, 1915.
C40955	Gunner	James, A. W.	" 2nd "	" 3, 1915.
Q. M. Sergeant.	Q. M. Sergeant.	William, C.	" 2nd "	" 3, 1915.
C41414	Corporal	Riches, A. B.	1st "	" 3, 1915.
C40570	Corporal	Stevens, B.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
1258	Corporal	Scott, L.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
640	Sergeant	Wilkinson, H. E.	1st Bde. C. F. A.	" 3, 1915.
C40655	Gunner	Cameron, H.	2nd Fd. Amb. C. A. M. C.	Sept. 3, 1915.
33303	Private	Collins, G. S.	L. S. H. (R. C.)	" 3, 1915.
1517	Sq. Sgt.-Major.	Gledhill, V.	1st Battalion	" 3, 1915.
6020	Private	Heiser, E. H.	3th "	" 3, 1915.
12905	Private	Hay, H. W.	10th "	" 3, 1915.
19538	Col.-Sergeant	McDonald, J.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
19389	Sergeant	McKee, J. W.	3th Battalion	" 3, 1915.
31414	Sergeant	Mate, G. A.	3rd "	" 3, 1915.
6308	Sergeant	Owen, C.	1st "	" 3, 1915.
4406	Sgt.-Major	Palmer, J. E.	1st "	" 3, 1915.
6861	Private	Vincent, H.	1st "	" 3, 1915.
10617	Corporal	Pym, J. S.	R. C. D.	" 3, 1915.
251	Corporal	Abraham, F.	14th Battalion	" 3, 1915.
24066	Private	Brooker, W. R.	3rd "	" 3, 1915.
81103	Private	Brouquet, G.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
1347	Private	Bowler, E.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.
1346	Lance-Sergeant	Bowler, E.	P. P. C. I. I.	" 3, 1915.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.—Continued.

Reg't No.	Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date Gazetted.
25446	Regt. Sgt. Major.	Bonshor, W. A.	14th Battalion.	Jan. 1, 1916.
25446	Private	Bonner, A. V.	27th Bty., C.F.A.	1, 1916.
41815	Gunner.	Blackburn, W. H. B.	9th Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
35115	Sergeant.	Buckley, W. H.	9th Battalion.	" " " "
18539	1st Lt. Corporal.	Burrell, E. A. R.	4th Battalion.	" " " "
8301	Co. Sgt. Major.	Cherry, J. M.	2nd Fd. Co., C.E.	" " " "
1576	Private	Christie, G. F.	P.P.C.L.I.	" " " "
25819	Sergeant.	Coxon, E.	14th " "	" " " "
1806	Q.M. Sergeant.	Cragg, G. W.	C.M.S.C.	" " " "
61931	Private	DeBloise, A.	22nd Battalion.	" " " "
29167	Private	DeBloise, J. A.	1st S.H. (R.C.)	" " " "
12066	Private	Perris, C. B.	2nd Fd. Co., C.E.	" " " "
5319	Sergeant.	Flinter, P. S.	12th Battalion.	" " " "
27419	Co. Sgt. Major.	Goadfellow, A.	15th " "	" " " "
42940	Bty. Sgt. Major.	Hamill, J.	10th Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
5115	Private	Harmon, B. W.	2nd Fd. Co., C.E.	" " " "
76317	Private	Harris, W. B.	29th Battalion.	" " " "
2873	Corporal.	Hewitson, J. S.	1st S.H. (R.C.)	" " " "
22348	Sergeant.	Holland, J.	29th Battalion.	" " " "
15570	Lance-Corporal.	Hurman, A. J.	3rd Battalion.	" " " "
9063	Lance-Corporal.	Jones, E. H.	Cavalry Bde.	" " " "
46582	Lance-Sergeant.	Jones, W. M.	3rd Battalion.	" " " "
29816	Regt. Sgt. Major.	Kay, J.	10th " "	" " " "
27001	Sgt. Major.	Keith, J.	15th " "	" " " "
24442	Corporal.	Krausbol, O. A.	17th " "	" " " "
61580	Private	Lambert, J. R.	2nd Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
40366	Sergeant.	Lambert, F. R.	P.P.C.L.I.	" " " "
5416	Corporal.	Laslett, F. W.	P.P.C.L.I.	" " " "
880	Corporal.	Legg, W.	2nd Fd. Co., C.E.	" " " "
25817	Sergeant.	Lyons, W.	R.C.D.	" " " "
28705	Corporal.	MacIntosh, W.	16th Battalion.	" " " "
40217	Sergeant.	MacIntosh, W.	1st Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
81867	Lance-Corporal.	MacIntosh, J. M. G.	2nd Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
11952	Q.M. Sergeant.	McConkey, M. C.	4th Bty., C.F.A.	" " " "
42653	Sergeant.	McDonald, C. G.	5th Battalion.	" " " "
12736	Corporal.	McFaul, E. G.	5th Battalion.	" " " "
13760	Private	McFaul, J. G.	5th " "	" " " "
1154	Sergeant.	McFaul, J. G.	5th " "	" " " "
26621	Lance-Corporal.	McKenzie, H.	P.P.C.L.I.	" " " "
40623	Private.	McLennan, W. A.	14th Battalion.	" " " "
81967	Private.	McLennan, W. A.	39th Res. Battalion.	" " " "
81967	Private.	McLennan, W. A.	4th Battalion.	" " " "
71410	Private.	Millar, J. R.	27th " "	" " " "
2788	Private.	Mitchell, A. W.	1st S.H. (R.C.)	" " " "
19494	Sergeant.	Morrison, C.	10th Battalion.	" " " "
41053	Corporal.	Murray, D.	2nd Bde., C.F.A.	" " " "
616	Co. Sgt. Major.	Nearby, M.	8th Battalion.	" " " "
9679	Sergeant.	Newell, F. C.	1st " "	" " " "
3612	Q.M. Sergeant.	Norton, J. P. M.	Div. Engineers.	" " " "
24294	Co. Sgt. Major.	Opatowski, W.	13th S.C.	" " " "
77902	Private.	Paterson, W.	20th " "	" " " "
51383	Lance-Corporal.	Pearson, A. G.	P.P.C.L.I.	" " " "
2548	Sergeant.	Powell, F. C.	L.S.H. (R.C.)	" " " "
30006	Corporal.	Quirion, M. S.	No. 1 Div. Train	" " " "
40005	Bombardier.	Richardson, J.	1st Art. Bde., H.Q.	" " " "
12589	Sergeant.	Richardson, J.	2nd Battalion.	" " " "
63993	Sergeant.	Richardson, J.	7th " "	" " " "
424061	Private.	Wynne, A. H. V.	5th " "	" " " "
73741	Private.	Crompton, H. H.	26th " "	" " " "
69005	Sergeant.	Rymer, W. C.	26th " "	" " " "
10038	Lance-Sergeant.	H. W. E.	4th " "	" " " "

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL—Concluded.

Reg't No.	Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date Gazetted.
6856	Private	Smith, C. D.	1st Battalion	Jan. 11, 1916.
754	Private	Spalding, L. L.	9th "	" 11, 1916.
9068	Sergeant	Spence, H. V.	3rd "	" 11, 1916.
5749	Sapper	Spencer, F. T.	2nd Sec. Div. Sig. Co.	" 11, 1916.
12001	Lance-Sergeant	Sprange, A. P.	C.A.C., H.Q.	" 11, 1916.
25540	Regt. Sgt.-Major	Stephenson, J. M.	23rd "	" 11, 1916.
41265	Gunner	Stickland, Stanley	Reserve Bde., C.F.A.	" 11, 1916.
77689	Private	Styles, B. A.	15th Battalion	" 11, 1916.
30240	Driver	Sutcliffe, F.	C.A.S.C.	" 11, 1916.
16958	Sergeant	Swindells, W.	30th Battalion	" 11, 1916.
43006	Co. Sgt.-Major	Turner, G. R.	3rd Fd. Co., C.E.	" 11, 1916.
27020	Sergeant	Venner, W. B.	15th Battalion	" 11, 1916.
41722	Sergeant	Ward, J.	2nd Bde., C.F.A.	" 11, 1916.
42423	Bty. Sgt.-Major	Wildgoose, R.	9th Bty., C.F.A.	" 11, 1916.
9066	Lance-Corporal	Williams, F.	3rd Battalion	" 11, 1916.
20758	Lance-Corporal	Sheale, R. G.	1st Sig. Co., C.E.	" 11, 1915.
25707	Private	Drake, R. H.	14th Battalion	June 1, 1915.
1182	Private	Hacking, S.	P.P.C.L.I.	" 1, 1915.
1503	Sergeant	Paterson, S. V.	"	" 1, 1915.
4296	Private	Robertson, J. M.	"	" 1, 1915.
242	Corporal	Wolstenholme, J. L.	"	" 1, 1915.
16358	Sergeant	Ashby, H.	7th Battalion	Jan. 14, 1916.
16395	Lance-Corporal	Babcock, E. L.	7th "	" 14, 1916.
10718	Sgt.-Major	Benton, B.	4th "	" 22, 1916.
77848	Private	Berry, J.	7th "	" 14, 1916.
A40677	Private	Coles, R. A.	5th "	" 22, 1916.
16297	Corporal	Curry, A. K.	7th "	" 22, 1916.
10335	Private	Donaghue, J.	4th "	" 21, 1916.
9902	Private	Eastman, G. L.	3rd "	" 22, 1916.
A36224	Sgt.-Major	Matheson, J. D.	4th "	" 22, 1916.
A24174	Private	Lindsay, J. H.	5th "	" 22, 1916.
8281	Sergeant	Winterbottom, G. G.	2nd "	" 11, 1916.
29519	Sergeant	Lunn, B. C.	16th "	June 23, 1915.
74091	Private	Andrews, J. C.	28th "	Mar. 14, 1916.
22553	Sergeant	Budd, A.	10th "	" 14, 1916.
74034	Lance-Sergeant	Burd, W.	28th "	" 14, 1916.
21452	Private	Cox, F. S.	11th "	" 14, 1916.
55636	Private	Hutchison, J.	19th "	" 14, 1916.
79311	Private	Jackson, A. H.	31st "	" 14, 1916.
55763	Lance-Sergeant	Jackson, L.	19th "	" 14, 1916.
75070	Lance-Sergeant	Kirkland, F. W.	29th "	" 14, 1916.
19913	Private	Sixby, F.	10th "	" 14, 1916.
74076	Lance-Corporal	Turner, G. S.	28th "	" 14, 1916.
20924	Private	Zuidema, L.	10th "	" 14, 1916.
13200	Sergeant	McGlashan, J. S.	5th "	Jan. 22, 1916.
16799	Sergeant	Meyerstein, W. C.	7th "	" 22, 1916.
16679	Private	Odium, H.	7th "	" 22, 1916.
17163	Sergeant	Roberts, A.	7th "	" 22, 1916.
429729	Lance-Corporal	Weir, K.	7th "	" 22, 1916.

CLASPS TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

81397	Sergeant	Milne, E. R.	10th Battalion	Mar. 14, 1916.
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