

COMPOSITION OF CANADA'S ARMY IN THE FIELD

CESSATION OF WAR ALLOWS PUBLICATION OF FORCES IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS

List Shows Which Battalions Fought With Divisions and General Disposition of Artillery and Supply Columns from the Dominion.

CANADIAN SPECIAL UNITS SERVED WITH EACH BRITISH ARMY

The cessation of hostilities in France and Belgium renders it possible to make public the "Order of Battle" of the Canadian Forces on the Western Front which have won so much glory, and have contributed so effectively to the victory of the cause of civilization and humanity. The following is a statement of the units in existence during the last phase of the war. It has been corrected to 30th September, 1918.

Nature of Canadian Forces.

The Canadian Forces on the Western Front comprise:

1. The Canadian Army Corps. This includes:—A Infantry Division, nearly 80,000 men. Corps Troops, of about 10,000 men.
2. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade. This is about 5,000 strong.
3. An extremely numerous Line of Communication, Railway, Forestry and other services.

Altogether there are about 100,000 Canadians in France. The list which follows gives their distribution into units.

The Chain of Command.

The Chain of Command on the Western Front is fairly well known, but may be recapitulated. The command of all the British Forces on the Western Front is vested in Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, who exercises command through General Headquarters, familiarly known as G. H. Q.

The British forces on the Western Front are subdivided into five armies, each of a number of army corps, under General Sir Henry Horne, Sir Herbert Plumer, Sir Julian Byng, Sir Henry Rawlinson, and Sir William Birdwood respectively.

The Canadian Army Corps, during the concluding operations of the war, has been part of the First Army under General Horne.

The Canadian Cavalry Brigade is part of the Third Cavalry Division. This is part of the Third Army, under Sir Julian Byng.

The other services have been variously distributed, some of them being attached to G. H. Q. and others to the Headquarters of the several armies. Each of the five armies includes Canadian troops of one type or another.

Attached to G. H. Q. is a "Canadian Section," designed to secure proper understanding of Canadian needs and conditions on the part of the Higher Command. Certain administrative services are carried on by a staff known as "G. H. Q. Third Echelon." On this staff Canada is represented by the "Canadian Section," "Third Echelon." The other Canadian Services in touch with G. H. Q. will be enumerated later in this article.

The Canadian Army Corps is commanded by that great and tried Canadian soldier, Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie. The corps is composed as follows:

The First Division.

The First Division, under Major-General A. G. Macdonell. This comprises:

- 1st Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment.
- 2nd Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment.
- 3rd Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.
- 4th Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.
- 1st Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Second Infantry Brigade, under Brig.-Gen. V. W. O'Brien. It consists of:—
- 5th Battalion, Saskatchewan Regiment.
- 6th Battalion, British Columbia Regiment.
- 7th Battalion, British Columbia Regiment.
- 8th Battalion, Manitoba Regiment.

The Third Division.

The Third Division, under Major-General F. O. W. Loomis. This comprises:

- The Seventh Infantry Brigade, under Brig.-Gen. F. E. McGeach. It consists of:—
- The Royal Canadian Regiment (Nova Scotia Regiment).
- The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).
- 42nd Battalion, Quebec Regiment.
- 49th Battalion, Alberta Regiment.
- 7th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Ninth Infantry Brigade, under Brig.-Gen. D. M. Ormond. It consists of:—
- 43rd Battalion, Manitoba Regiment.
- 52nd Battalion, Manitoba Regiment.
- 68th Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment.
- 5th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Divisional Artillery, consisting of the 4th and 10th Artillery Brigades, XBC and YBC Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, VBC Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, and the Divisional Ammunition Column.

The Fourth Division.

The Fourth Division, under Major-General Sir David Watson. It comprises:

- The Tenth Infantry Brigade, under Brig.-Gen. R. T. F. Hayter. It consists of:—
- 44th Battalion, Quebec Regiment.
- 45th Battalion, Quebec Regiment.
- 46th Battalion, Saskatchewan Regiment.
- 47th Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment.
- 50th Battalion, Alberta Regiment.
- 10th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Eleventh Infantry Brigade, under a temporary commander. It consists of:—
- 54th Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment.
- 75th Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.
- 87th Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.
- 88th Battalion, Quebec Regiment.
- 102nd Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment.
- 11th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Twelfth Infantry Brigade, under Brig.-Gen. J. H. Macbride. It consists of:—
- 80th Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment.
- 72nd Battalion, British Columbia Regiment.
- 83rd Battalion, Nova Scotia Regiment.
- 76th Battalion, Manitoba Regiment.
- 12th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- The Divisional Artillery, consisting of the 3rd and 4th Artillery Brigades, XBC and YBC Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, VBC Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, and the Divisional Ammunition Column.
- No. 4 Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps.
- Headquarters Brigade of Engineers, consisting of the 18th, 19th and 20th Engineer Battalions, and the 4th Pontoon Bridging Transport Unit. Associated with it is the 4th Divisional Employment Company.
- Headquarters Divisional Train, consisting of Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 Companies.
- Medical Services, consisting of Nos. 11, 12 and 13 Field Ambulances and No. 4 Canadian Sanitary Section. Also attached is No. 1 Canadian Mobile Veterinary Section.
- Headquarters Divisional Signals, the four sections distributed amongst the Infantry Brigades and the four Infantry Brigades.
- The foregoing exhausts the list of troops belonging to the four Divisions. Each Division has some 10,000 or 20,000 troops, divided amongst the various units enumerated above; the four Divisions thus dispose of not far short of 80,000 men. Next must be set forth the Corps Troops.

The Corps Troops.

There is a proportion of Mounted Troops, consisting of the Canadian Light Horse and the Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion.

The Corps Artillery.

The Corps Artillery comprises:

- The 1st Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.
- The 2nd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.
- The 3rd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.
- The 4th Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.
- The 5th Canadian Divisional Artillery Ammunition Column.
- The 1st and 2nd Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigades.

The Corps Engineers.

The Corps Engineers consist of the Canadian Pontoon Bridging Engineer unit, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Army Troops, the 1st and 2nd Railway Companies, the Canadian Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company, and the Canadian Corps Survey Section.

Corps Medical Services.

Medical Services include the 14th Canadian Field Ambulance and the 6th Canadian Sanitary Section. Also attached are the Canadian Corps Dental Laboratory and the Canadian Corps Veterinary Evacuating Station. The Corps Signalling Service includes:—

- The Canadian Corps Signal Company.
- Nos. 1 and 2 Canadian Motor Side Line Sections.
- C. E. C. F., C. G., and C. H. Cable sections.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigade Signal Sub-Sections.
- 5th Army Brigade Sub-Section.
- 5th C. D. A. Brigade Detachment.

Other Corps Services.

Canadian Army Service Corps:—Headquarters Mechanical Transport Column.

Corps Troops Mechanical Transport Company.

1st, 2nd and 4th Divisional

Batteries, VBC Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, and the Divisional Ammunition Column.

No. 3 Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

Headquarters Brigade of Engineers, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Headquarters Divisional Train, consisting of Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 Companies.

Medical Services, consisting of Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Field Ambulances and No. 2 Canadian Sanitary Section. Also attached is No. 3 Canadian Mobile Veterinary Section.

Headquarters Divisional Signals, the four sections distributed amongst the Infantry Brigades and the three Infantry Brigades.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous" are:—

Canadian Corps Infantry School.

Canadian Corps Machine Gun School.

Canadian Corps Lewis Gun School.

Canadian Corps Signal School.

Canadian Corps Gas Services School.

Canadian Corps Instructors' Pool.

Canadian Army Gymnasium Staff.

Canadian Records List.

Canadian T. M. C. A. Services.

Canadian Corps Military Police.

Attached to the Corps Headquarters are:—

Canadian Labor Group Headquarters.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Labor Companies.

Pontoon Bridging Officers' Establishment.

6th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Canadian Area Employment Companies.

The foregoing lists exhausts the Corps Troops.

The Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

The other fighting unit maintained by Canada in France is the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. This is part of the Third Cavalry Division, which belongs to the Third Army, under General Sir Julian Byng. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade is commanded by Brig.-General B. W. Patterson, and comprises:—

Headquarters, Cavalry Brigade.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Lord Strathcona's Horse.

The Fort Garry Horse.

The Cavalry Brigade Machine Gun Squadron.

The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

XBC and YBC Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, VBC Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, and the Divisional Ammunition Column.

No. 4 Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

Headquarters Brigade of Engineers, consisting of the 18th, 19th and 20th Engineer Battalions, and the 4th Pontoon Bridging Transport Unit. Associated with it is the 4th Divisional Employment Company.

Headquarters Divisional Train, consisting of Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 Companies.

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The 2nd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.

The 3rd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.

The 4th Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery, consisting of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Canadian Garrison Artillery Batteries.

The 5th Canadian Divisional Artillery Ammunition Column.

Canadians With the Second Army.

Attached to General Plumer's Second Army are:—

Canadian Army Medical Corps units as follows:—

No. 2 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.

No. 2 Advanced Depot Medical Station.

No. 8 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Canadian Railway Troops as follows:—

8th and 10th Battalions.

Canadian Army Service Corps units as follows:—

1st and 2nd Auxiliary Horse Transport Companies.

1st Field Bakery.

12th and 13th Depot Unit of Supply.

1st Canadian Railroad Supply Detachment.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous" are:—

The School Army has:—

3rd Tunnelling Company.

Canadians With the Third Army.

Attached to General Byng's Third Army, independently of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, are:—

Canadian Army Medical Corps unit: No. 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.

Canadian Army Service Corps unit: 3rd Canadian Railroad Supply Detachment.

Canadian Railway Troops:—

4th, 9th and 10th Battalions.

Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps.

Canadians With the Fourth Army.

Attached to General Rawlinson's Fourth Army are:—

Canadian Army Medical Corps unit: No. 6 Canadian Mobile Laboratory.

Canadian Railway Troops:—

1st, 2nd, 6th and 18th Battalions.

18th Light Railway Operating Company.

68th Broad Gauge Operating Company.

Canadians With the Fifth Army.

Attached to the Fifth Army, General Birdwood, is:—

5th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops.

In addition to the foregoing, there are sundry formations which are in relation with General Headquarters. The Canadian Section, G. H. Q., and the Canadian Section of G. H. Q. Third Echelon, already have been noticed. In addition, the following services include Canadian units:—

Canadians Under General Headquarters.

The Director of Supplies, G. H. Q., has several branches in which Canadian units are serving. These are:—

The Assistant Director of Supplies, Boulogne. Under him are:—

Under the Officer in charge of the Depot at Boulogne:—

Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Canadian Field Batteries.

Nos. 2 and 3 Canadian Field Butcheries.

The Assistant Director of Supplies, Calais. Under him are:—

Nos. 1, 13, 14 and 15 Canadian Depot Units of Supply.

The Officer Commanding, Base Supply Depot, Dieppe. Under him is:—

No. 4 Canadian Depot Unit of Supply.

Line of Communications, Medical Services.

Headquarters, Line of Communications, also directly under G.H.Q., has:

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variety of Canadian units. These include:—

The Director of Medical Services, Line of Communications, has the following services:—

Under the Assistant Director of Medical Services, Boulogne:—

No. 7 Canadian General Hospital.

No. 9 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

At Charnes is:—

No. 8 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Under the Assistant Director of Medical Services, Calais:—

No. 10 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Under the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Trowbridge:—

No. 1 Canadian General Hospital.

Under the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Calais:—

Nos. 3 and 7 Canadian Stationary Hospitals.

Under the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Boulogne:—

No. 2 Canadian General Hospital.

No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Under the Senior Medical Officer, Le Havre:—

No. 2 Canadian General Hospital.

Under the Senior Medical Officer, Paris:—

Nos. 6 and 8 Canadian General Hospitals.

Miscellaneous Services.

Other Lines of Communication Services are:—

Under the Officer Commanding Reinforcement, Boulogne, are:—

Under the Officer Commanding Reinforcement, Boulogne, are:—

Canadian General Base Depot.

Canadian Infantry Base Depot.

Canadian Machine Gun Base Depot.

Canadian Labor Pool.

Under the Base Commandant, Paris:—

Canadian Report Centre.

The Command Pay Office with details at Paris, Rouen, and Boulogne.

The Canadian Dental Store.

Also in touch with G.H.Q. is the Assistant Director of Postal Services, Boulogne. Under him are:—

1st and 2nd Canadian Field Auxiliary Post Offices.

Canadian Base Post Office.

Under the Director of Veterinary Services, G.H.Q., is:—

No. 1 Canadian Veterinary Hospital.

The Director General of Transport, G.H.Q., has under him the Headquarters Corps, Canadian Railway Troops.

Under this is:—

Line of Communications, Abbeville:—

7th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops.

Line of Communications, Andriac:—

69th Canadian Wagon Erecting Company.

85th Canadian Engine Crew Company.

The Canadian Forestry Corps.

Also in touch with G. H. Q., are the Headquarters, Canadian Forestry Corps. This corps is distributed in four groups:—

Central Group:—

Headquarters No. 1 District, also con-

No. 1 District Workshop.

No. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Headquarters No. 3 District, also con-

No. 2 District Workshop.

No. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Headquarters No. 5 District, also con-

No. 3 District Workshop.

No. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Headquarters No. 6 District, also con-

No. 4 District Workshop.

No. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Headquarters No. 7 District, also con-

No. 5 District Workshop.

No. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Headquarters No. 8 District, also con-

No. 6 District Workshop.

No. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63,