



## 3rd Battalion, C.E.F.

Territorial Designation:—The Toronto Regiment.

Inscription on Badge:—III Toronto Regiment.

Authority for Formation:—Privy Council Order 2067-2068 d-6-8-14.

Formed:—At Valcartier, Que., in September, 1914, principally from the Queen's Own Rifles consisting of 36 officers and 1020 other ranks, and detachments from the Governor-General's Body Guard and the Royal Grenadiers.

Embarked:—Quebec, October 3rd, 1914, S.S. Tunisian.

Arrived England:—Plymouth, October 14th, 1914.

Trained:—Salisbury Plain, October, 1914, to February, 1915.

Arrived France:—St. Nazaire, February 2nd, 1915.

Theatre of War:—The Battalion was initiated into trench warfare by Imperial Divisions holding line before Armentieres, and on March 4th, 1915, went into the line on its own for the first time, south of Fleurbaix. From that time until the Armistice, the battalion was continuously in the theatre of war. It was engaged in numerous operations and battles, the principal of which it was awarded Battle Honours as follows,—Ypres, 1915-'17; Gravenstafel; St. Julien, Festubert, 1915; Mount Sorrel; Somme, 1916; Pozières; Flers-Courcelette; Ancre Heights; Arras, 1917-'18; Vimy, 1917; Arleux, Scarpe, 1917-'18; Hill 70; Passchendaele; Amiens; Drocourt-Quéant; Hindenburg Line; Canal du Nord; Pursuit to Mons; France and Flanders, 1915-'18.

After the Armistice the battalion formed part of the Army of Occupation, being the first Canadian troops to reach the Rhine, entering Germany on December 4th, 1918, and later was quartered near Cologne. The battalion remained there until January 10th, 1919, when it was sent to Moxhe, in Belgium.

England:—On March 22nd, 1919, four years and six weeks after its arrival in France, the battalion crossed to England and went into hutments at Bramshot.

Canada:—Embarked April 14th, 1919, on S.S. Olympic and arrived Halifax April 21st.

Toronto:—The battalion arrived in Toronto on April 22nd, 1919, and was disbanded.

Memory perpetuated by:—1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. 1st Battalion, The Toronto Regiment.

Commanding Officers:—Lt.-Col. Robert Rennie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., Sept. 1914 to Nov. 1915; Lt.-Col. William D. Allen, D.S.O., Nov. 1915 to Oct. 1916; Lt.-Col. J. Bartlett Rogers, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Oct. 1916 to April 1919.

The battalion was always commanded by an officer of the Queen's Own Rifles, and 63 officers and 1708 other ranks of that Regiment served with it in the Field, of whom 23 officers and 309 other ranks paid the supreme sacrifice.