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APPENDIX

Alberta Formations Raised in the First World War

The following is based on information from John Blue, “Alberta in the Great War,” *Alberta Past and Present: Historical and Biographical*, Vol. 1 (Chicago: Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., 1924), chapter XXIII.

FORMATION	DATE AUTHORIZED	LOCATION FOR RECRUITMENT	LEFT CANADA	ARRIVED OVERSEAS	ORGANIZATION OVERSEAS
CAVALRY					
19th Alberta Dragoons	6 August 1914	Edmonton	15 October 1914	Arrived in England, 12 February 1915	Absorbed as “A” Squadron in the Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment. Changed to Canadian Light Horse.
3rd Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles	5 November 1914	Edmonton, Calgary, and Medicine Hat	12 June 1915	Arrived in England, 21 September 1915	Absorbed by 1st and 2nd Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Perpetuated as 1st Regiment, Alberta Mounted Rifles.
12th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles	1 December 1914	Calgary and Red Deer	9 October 1915	Information unavailable	Absorbed into Canadian Cavalry Depot. Perpetuated in the active militia as the 15th Canadian Light Horse.
13th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles	1 December 1914	Pincher Creek, Cardston, and Macleod	26 June 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed into various units. Perpetuated in the active militia as 2nd Regiment, Alberta Mounted Rifles.

FORMATION	DATE AUTHORIZED	LOCATION FOR RECRUITMENT	LEFT CANADA	ARRIVED OVERSEAS	ORGANIZATION OVERSEAS
INFANTRY					
9th Battalion	7 August 1914	Edmonton	3 October 1914	Information unavailable	Reorganized as a reserve battalion and sent to reinforce the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th battalions in France. Perpetuated in the active militia as 2nd Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.
31st Battalion	11 November 1914	Throughout Alberta	17 May 1915	Arrived in France, 18 September 1915	Perpetuated in the active militia as 1st and 2nd Battalions, Alberta Regiment.
49th Battalion	4 January 1915	Edmonton	4 June 1915	Arrived in France, 9 September 1915	Perpetuated as the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.
50th Battalion	15 December 1914	Calgary	27 October 1915	Arrived in France, 11 August 1916	Perpetuated as the 2nd Battalion, Calgary Regiment.
51st Battalion	4 January 1914	England	18 April 1916	Information unavailable	Became a Garrison Duty Battalion. Perpetuated as the 3rd Reserve Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.
56th Battalion	24 January 1915	Calgary	1 April 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Perpetuated as the 3rd Reserve Battalion, Calgary Regiment.
63rd Battalion	28 June 1915	Edmonton, Calgary, and Medicine Hat	23 April 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Perpetuated as the 4th Reserve Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.
66th Battalion	21 June 1915	Edmonton	1 May 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Perpetuated in the active militia as the 5th Reserve Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.
82nd Battalion	1 September 1915	Calgary	20 May 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion in England. Perpetuated as the 4th Reserve Battalion, Calgary Regiment.

FORMATION	DATE AUTHORIZED	LOCATION FOR RECRUITMENT	LEFT CANADA	ARRIVED OVERSEAS	ORGANIZATION OVERSEAS
89th Battalion	1 November 1915	Calgary	6 June 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed in the 9th Reserve Battalion and 97th Battalion. Not perpetuated in the active militia.
113th Battalion	17 November 1915	Lethbridge	18 October 1916	Information unavailable	Perpetuated as the 3rd Reserve Battalion, Alberta Regiment.
137th Battalion	11 November 1915	Calgary	24 August 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 21st Reserve Battalion. Perpetuated as the 5th Reserve Battalion, Calgary Regiment.
138th Battalion	22 November 1915	Edmonton	24 August 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 128th Battalion. Not perpetuated.
151st Battalion	26 November 1915	Federal electoral ridings of Battle River, Victoria, Strathcona, and Red Deer	19 April 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 7th and 9th Reserve Battalions. Perpetuated as the 4th Reserve Battalion, Alberta Regiment.
187th Battalion	20 January 1916	Red Deer district	20 December 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Perpetuated as the 6th Reserve Battalion, Alberta Regiment.
191st Battalion	21 January 1916	Macleod and district	Information unavailable	Information unavailable	Re-organized in Canada as a draft giving depot battalion. Not perpetuated.
192nd Battalion	25 January 1916	Blairmore and district	3 November 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Not perpetuated.
194th Battalion	28 January 1916	Edmonton and district	14 November 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Not perpetuated.
202nd Battalion	4 February 1916	Edmonton and district	24 November 1916	Information unavailable	Absorbed by the 9th Reserve Battalion. Not perpetuated.
218th Battalion	25 February 1916	Edmonton	17 February 1917	Information unavailable	Amalgamated with the 211th Battalion and organized as the 8th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops. Not perpetuated.

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