

# History of the Montreal Artillery Units Perpetuated by the 2nd Field Regiment RCA

## Montreal Field Artillery Units

### ORGANIZATION

#### **3RD "MONTRÉAL" BATTERY CFA**

27 September 1855-1 June 1905

The Battery was organized on 27 September 1855 as the **Volunteer Militia Field Battery of Montreal**, and was subsequently redesignated as follows:

**Montreal Field Battery of Artillery** on 6 February 1869 when re-enrolled in the Militia of the Dominion of Canada under the Militia Act of 1868;

**No. 3 "Montreal" Field Battery** on 1 July 1894;

**3rd "Montreal" Field Battery CA** on 28 December 1895; and,

**3rd "Montreal" Battery CFA** on 9 May 1905.

#### **2ND BRIGADE CFA**

1 June 1905-2 February 1920

The Brigade was authorized on 1 June 1905 and organized as follows:

**Headquarters** - Montreal; authorized on 1 June 1905 and organized on 26 October 1907.

**3rd "Montreal" Battery CFA** - Montreal

**21st "Westmount" Battery CFA** - Westmount; authorized on 9 May 1905, and organized at Montréal on 26 October 1905 as **21st Battery CFA**. Relocated at Westmount and redesignated as shown on 1 May 1908.

**39th Battery CFA** - Montreal; authorized on 15 December 1913, allocated its designating number on 6 February 1914, and organized on 4 April 1914.

**Ammunition Column** - Montreal; authorized on 1 June 1905, and organized on 14 April 1910.

#### **2ND BRIGADE CFA**

2 February 1920-1 July 1925

The Brigade was redesignated as shown and redesignated as follows on 2 February 1920:

**Headquarters** - Montreal.

**5th (Westmount) Battery CFA** - Westmount; previously 21st "Westmount" Battery CFA.

**7th (Montreal) Battery CFA** - Montreal; previously 3rd "Montreal" Battery CFA.

**66th Battery CFA** - Montreal; previously 39th Battery CFA.

**27th Battery CFA** - Montreal; authorized on 2 February 1920.

**Ammunition Column** - Montreal.

#### **2ND FIELD BRIGADE CA**

1 July 1925-3 June 1935

The Brigade was redesignated as shown and reorganized as follows on 1 July 1925 and subsequently:

**Headquarters** - Montreal.

**5th (Westmount) Field Battery CA** - Westmount.

**7th (Montreal) Field Battery CA** - Montreal.

**27th Field Battery (Howitzer) CA** - Montreal; converted and redesignated on 1 July 1925.

**66th Field Battery CA** - Montreal.

**2nd Field Ammunition Column CA** - Montreal; redesignated on 1 July 1925, and disbanded on 31 March 1935.

#### **2ND FIELD BRIGADE RCA**

3 June 1935-15 December 1943

"RCA" was substituted for "CA" in the designations of the Brigade and Batteries on 3 June 1935.

"Reserve" was added to the designations of the Brigade and Batteries on 7 November 1940.

On 1 April 1942, **27th (Reserve) Field Battery (Howitzer) RCA** was converted and redesignated **27th (Reserve) Field Battery RCA**. It was reallocated, along with **5th Reserve (Westmount)** and **7th Reserve (Montréal) Field Batteries RCA**, to **34th (Reserve) Field Regiment RCA** (See below).

### **2ND (RESERVE) FIELD REGIMENT RCA**

15 December 1943-1 April 1946

The Brigade was redesignated a Regiment on 15 December 1943.

### **37TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA**

1 April 1946-12 April 1960

The **2nd (Reserve) Field Regiment** was redesignated as shown and reorganized as follows on 1 April 1946:

**Headquarters** - Montréal.

**66th Field Battery RCA** - Montréal.

**106th Field Battery RCA** - Montréal; reallocated from 2nd (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

**131st Field Battery RCA** - Montréal; organized on 1 April 1946 and relocated at Lachute later.

### **37TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA**

12 April 1960-1 January 1965

"Artillery" was added to the designation of the Regiment on 12 April 1960. The Regiment, with all three Batteries, was transferred to the Supplementary Order of Battle on 1 January 1965. On 1 April 1970, 66th Field Battery RCA was transferred from the Supplementary Order of Battle and allocated to 2nd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (which see below).

### **34TH (RESERVE) FIELD REGIMENT RCA**

1 April 1942 - 1 April 1946

The Regiment was organized at Montréal on 1 April 1942 as follows:

**Headquarters** - Montréal.

**5th Reserve (Westmount) Field Battery RCA** - Reallocated from **2nd (Reserve) Field Regiment RCA**; "Westmount" was dropped from the designation on 24 June 1942, and reallocated from Westmount to Montréal on 15 August 1942.

**7th Reserve (Montréal) Field Battery RCA** - Reallocated from **2nd (Reserve) Field Regiment RCA**.

**27th (Reserve) Field Battery RCA** - Reallocated from **2nd (Reserve) Field Regiment RCA**.

### **34TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA**

1 April 1946 - 12 April 1960

The Regiment was redesignated as shown on 1 April 1946:

**Headquarters** - Montréal.

**5th Field Battery RCA**

**7th Field Battery RCA**

**27th Field Battery RCA**

### **34TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA**

12 April 1960 - 1 January 1965

"Artillery" was added to the designation of the Regiment on 12 April 1960.

On 1 January 1965, the Regiment, less **7th Field Battery RCA**, was transferred to the Supplementary Order of Battle. 7th Field Battery RCA continued as an independent battery until 1 July 1966 when it was allocated to 2nd Field Artillery Regiment RCA. On 30 November 1953, 205th Field Battery RCA lost its designation and identity on 29 July 1953.

ACTIVE SERVICE

## EARLY HISTORY

The Volunteer Militia Field Battery of Montréal was called out on active duty 1 - 18 June 1866 during the Fenian Raids of 1866, and 24 May - 1 June 1870 during the Fenian Raids of 1870. 3rd "Montréal" Field Battery CA contributed volunteers to E Battery, Brigade Division, Royal Canadian Field Artillery for service in the South African War 1899-1902.

## FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1919

Details of 21st "Westmount" Battery CFA were called out on active service on 6 August 1914 for local protective duty.

The following units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were perpetuated by the Regiment and its Batteries:

**2nd Brigade CFA CEF** Brigade Headquarters was mobilized on 14 August 1914 at Montréal, and arrived in the United Kingdom on 20 October 1914. The Brigade served in France and Flanders from 14 February 1915 until the Armistice as a unit of 1st Canadian Divisional Artillery. Brigade Headquarters was demobilized at Montréal on 23 April 1919.

**5th Battery CFA CEP** was recruited by 21st "Westmount" Battery CFA CM in Westmount and by 17th "Sydney" Battery CFA CM in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and was mobilized at Valcartier on 14 August 1914. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 20 October 1914. It served in France and Flanders from 14 February 1915 until the Armistice as a sub-unit of 2nd Brigade CFA CEF, 1st Canadian Divisional Artillery. It absorbed one section of 8th Battery CFA CEF on 20 March 1917. The Battery was demobilized at Montréal on 23 April 1919.

**7th Battery CFA CEF** was recruited in Montréal by 3rd "Montréal" Battery CFA CM, and in Sherbrooke by 22nd Battery CFA CM, and mobilized at Montréal on 14 August 1914 as 4th Battery CFA CEF. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 20 October 1914 and was redesignated 7th Battery CFA CEF on 17 November 1914. It served in France and Flanders from 14 February 1915 until the Armistice as a sub-unit of 2nd Brigade CFA CEF, 1st Canadian Divisional Artillery. The Battery was demobilized at Montréal on 23 April 1919.

**27th Battery CFA CEF** was recruited in Montréal and surrounding area, and mobilized at Montréal on 27 February 1915. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 18 August 1915. The Battery served in France and Flanders from 18 January 1916 until the Armistice. It was a subunit of 7th Brigade CFA CEF, 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery until 18 March 1917, when it was reallocated to 4th Brigade CFA CEF, 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery, absorbing one section of 14th Battery CFA CEF at the same time. 4th Brigade CFA CEF was reallocated to 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery on 20 June 1917. The Battery was demobilized at Montréal on 27 May 1919.

**66th Battery CFA CEF** was recruited in Montréal by 21st "Westmount" Battery CFA CM, and was mobilized at Montréal on 20 March 1916 as 66th Overseas Depot Battery CEF. It was redesignated 66th Overseas Field Battery CEF on 4 May 1916, and 66th Battery CFA CEF on 11 September 1916. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 24 September 1916. It absorbed one-half of 56th Battery CFA CEF on 5 March 1917, and one section of 81st Battery CFA CEF on 25 March 1917. The Battery served in France and Flanders from 22 August 1917 until the Armistice as a sub-unit of 14th Brigade CFA CEF, 5th Canadian Divisional Artillery. It was demobilized at Montréal on about 23 June 1919.

6th Brigade CFA CM also contributed volunteers to Headquarters 6th Brigade CFA CEF and 21st Battery CFA CEF on 7 November 1914, to 35th (Howitzer) Battery CFA CEF on 11 August 1915, and 2nd Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column in ??? December 1914.

## SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945

The following batteries were mobilized by 2nd Field Brigade RCA:

**On page 50 of The Gunners of Canada it states "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Brigade R.C.A. gave artillery representation to Eastern Canada. Its Headquarters was setup in Montreal's Craig Street Drill Hall on 14 November 1939, under Lt-Col. A.E.D. Tremain, Commandant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Montreal Regiment R.C.A. Montreal furnished the 7<sup>th</sup> Battery, the 8<sup>th</sup> came from Moncton, St. Catherines sent the 10<sup>th</sup> of St-Julien fame, and the Eastern Townships were represented by the 35<sup>th</sup> Battery of Sherbrooke."**

**5th (Westmount) Field Battery RCA** was mobilized on 1 September 1939 as 5th (Westmount) Field Battery RCA CASE, and was amalgamated with 73rd Field Battery RCA CASF on 28 May 1940 to form 5th/73rd Field Battery RCA CASF. This Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 4 September 1940, and was reorganized as 5th (Westmount) and 73rd Field Batteries RCA on 1 November 1940. 5th (Westmount) Field Battery RCA landed in Normandy on 7 July 1944 as a sub-unit of 5th Field Regiment

RCA, 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery, and served in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany until VE Day. The Battery was disbanded on 21 September 1945.

**7th (Montréal) Field Battery RCA** was mobilized on 12 September 1939 as 7th Field Battery RCA CASF. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 18 December 1939, and was amalgamated with 35th Field Battery RCA CASF on 20 December 1939 to form 7th/35th Field Battery RCA CASF. This Battery was redesignated 7th (Montréal) Field Battery RCA on 4 November 1940. The Battery landed in Sicily, on 10 July 1943 as a sub-unit of 2nd Field Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Divisional Artillery, and landed in Italy on 3 September 1943. It served in the Italian campaign until 9 March 1945, and entered the campaign in North West Europe on 9 April 1945. The Battery served in the Netherlands until VE Day. It was disbanded on 26 August 1945.

**27th Anti-Tank Battery RCA** was mobilized on 5 September 1939 as 27th Field Battery (Howitzer) RCA CASF, and was converted and redesignated 27th Anti-Tank Battery RCA CASF on 25 October 1939. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 30 December 1939. It landed in Sicily on 10 July 1943 as a sub-unit of 1st Anti-Tank Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Divisional Artillery, and landed in Italy on 5 September 1943. The Battery served in the Italian campaign until 9 March 1945, and entered the campaign in North West Europe on 11 April 1945. It served in the Netherlands and Germany until VE Day, and was disbanded on 28 August 1945.

**66th Field Battery RCA** was mobilized on 26 May 1940 as 66th Field Battery RCA CASF, and was amalgamated on 9 July 1940 with 81st Field Battery RCA to form 66th/81st Field Battery RCA. This Battery was reorganized as 66th and 81st Field Batteries RCA on 14 February 1941. 66th Field Battery RCA arrived in the United Kingdom on 29 July 1941. The Battery landed in Normandy on 6 June 1944 as a sub-unit of 14th Field Regiment RCA, 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisional Artillery, and served in France, Belgium, the Netherlands until VE Day. It was disbanded on 2 November 1945. A 2nd 66th Field Battery RCA was organized on 1 June 1945 as a sub-unit of 2nd 13th Field Regiment RCA, Canadian Army Occupation Force. It was disbanded on 13 April 1946.

**Headquarters 27th Field Regiment RCA** and **122nd Field Battery RCA** were mobilized on 16 July 1942 and served in a home defence role in eastern Canada as a mobile reserve for 8th Canadian Division. Headquarters 27th Field Regiment was disbanded on 16 October 1943. 122nd Field Battery RCA served as a demonstration battery at Camp Petawawa from 10 August 1943 to 31 July 1945, when it was reduced to nil strength. The Battery was reactivated on 1 March 1946 as 127th Anti-Tank Battery RCA and was embodied in the Canadian Army (Active Force) effective 27 June 1946.

2nd Field Brigade also contributed, along with 2nd Medium Brigade RCA to the mobilization of **50th Field Battery RCA** on 29 July 1941.

## RECENT HISTORY

**205th Field Battery RCA** was mobilized by 34th Field Regiment RCA on 4 May 1951 for service in the Canadian Army (Active Force). The Battery became a sub-unit of 81st Field Regiment RCA on 10 April 1952; this Regiment served in Korea from 28 April 1953 to 9 May 1954, and was redesignated 4th Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

## **Montreal Garrison and Medium Artillery Units**

### ORGANIZATION

#### **MONTRÉAL BRIGADE OF GARRISON ARTILLERY**

27 November 1856 - 7 April 1893

The Brigade was organized at Montreal on 27 November 1856 as the **Montreal Artillery**; it was subsequently redesignated as follows:

**Battalion of Montreal Volunteer Artillery** in 1862;

**Battalion of Montreal Volunteer Militia Artillery** in 1863;

**Battalion of Garrison Artillery Montreal** in 1864; and,

**Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery** in 1866.

The Brigade's establishment consisted of six batteries.

#### **MONTRÉAL BATTALION OF GARRISON ARTILLERY**

7 April 1893 - March 1895

The Brigade was redesignated as shown on 7 April 1893, and its establishment reduced from six smaller to three larger batteries, now redesignated companies.

#### **2ND "MONTRÉAL" BATTALION OF GARRISON ARTILLERY**

March 1895 - 28 December 1895

The Battalion was redesignated as shown in March 1895.

#### **2ND "MONTRÉAL" REGIMENT CGA**

28 December 1895-1 April 1908

The Battalion was redesignated as shown on 28 December 1895, and was organized as follows:

##### **Headquarters**

**No. 1 Company**

**No. 2 Company**

**No. 3 Company**

**Ammunition Column** - Organized on 9 May 1905.

#### **2ND "MONTRÉAL" REGIMENT (HEAVY BRIGADE) CGA**

1 April 1908 - 2 May 1910

The Regiment was redesignated as shown and reorganized as follows on 1 April 1908.

##### **Headquarters**

**No. 1 Battery**

**No. 2 Battery**

**No. 3 Battery**

**Ammunition Column**

#### **2ND "MONTRÉAL" HEAVY BRIGADE CGA**

2 May 1910 - 1 March 1912

The Brigade was redesignated as shown on 2 May 1910.

#### **THE MONTRÉAL HEAVY BRIGADE CGA**

1 March 1912 - 2 February 1920

The Brigade was redesignated as shown and reorganized as follows on March 1912;

**Headquarters**

**1st Heavy Battery and Ammunition Column CGA**  
**2nd Heavy Battery and Ammunition Column CGA**  
**The Montréal Siege Company CGA**

**2ND HEAVY BRIGADE CGA**

2 February 1920 - 1 July 1925

The Brigade was redesignated as shown and reorganized as *follows* on 2 February 1920:

**Headquarters**

**1st Heavy Battery CGA** - Previously 1st Heavy Battery and Ammunition Column CGA.  
**3rd Siege Battery CGA** - Formed from 2nd Heavy Battery and Ammunition Column CGA.  
**7th Siege Battery CGA** - Formed from 2nd Heavy Battery and Ammunition Column CGA.  
**10th Siege Battery CGA** - Previously The Montréal Siege Company.

**2ND MEDIUM BRIGADE CA**

1 July 1925 - 3 June 1935

The Brigade was converted to medium artillery, redesignated as shown and reorganized as follows on 1 July 1925:

**Headquarters**

**1st Medium Battery CA**  
**3rd Medium Battery (Howitzer) CA**  
**7th Medium Battery (Howitzer) CA**  
**10th Medium Battery (Howitzer) CA**

**2ND MEDIUM BRIGADE RCA**

3 June 1935 - 1 December 1942

"RCA" was substituted for "CA" in the designations of the Brigade and Batteries on 3 June 1935. The Brigade was organized as follows during the period:

**Headquarters**

**1st Medium Battery RCA.**  
**3rd Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA**  
**7th Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA**  
**10th Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA**  
**5th Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA** - Organized on 15 December 1936 as 4th Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA, and redesignated 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA on 31 March 1937.  
**2nd Survey Company RCA** - Organized on 15 December 1936.

"Reserve" was added to the designations of the Brigade and Batteries on 7 November 1941.

**2ND (RESERVE) MEDIUM REGIMENT RCA**

1 December 1942 - 28 July 1944

The Brigade was redesignated a Regiment on 1 December 1942, and the Regiment was reorganized as follows:

**Headquarters**

**1st/3rd (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA** - Formed by the amalgamation of 1st (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA and (Reserve) 3rd Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA.  
**7th/10th (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA** - Formed by the amalgamation of 7th and 10<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Medium Batteries (Howitzer) RCA.  
**5th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA**  
**2nd (Reserve) Survey Company RCA**

The Regiment was reorganized as follows on 15 May 1943:

**Headquarters**

**12th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery (Type 2H) RCA** - Previously 1st/3rd (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA.

**7th/ 10th (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA**  
**5th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery (Type 4L) RCA**  
**2nd (Reserve) Survey Company RCA**

The Regiment was reorganized as follows on 1 September 1943:

Headquarters

**1st (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA** -Previously 12th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery (Type 2H) RCA  
**12th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery (Type 2H) RCA** - Previously 3rd (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA, "unamalgamated"  
 from 1st/3rd (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA.  
**7th/ 10th (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA**  
**5th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Battery (Type 2H) RCA**  
**2nd Survey Company RCA**

**2ND (RESERVE) ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT RCA**  
 28 July 1944 - 1 April 1946

The Regiment was redesignated as shown on 28 July 1944.

**2ND MEDIUM REGIMENT RCA**

1 April 1946 - 12 April 1960

On 1 April 1946, the Regiment was reorganized as follows:

5th and 12th (Reserve) Anti-Aircraft Batteries (Type 2H) RCA were redesignated 126th and 112th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Batteries RCA and allocated to 51st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA (which see below);

2nd (Reserve) Surrey Company RCA was reorganized to form 70th Survey Regiment RCA (see 3rd Artillery Locating Battery RCA below); and,

the Regiment was redesignated as shown and organized as follows:

**Headquarters**

**50th Medium Battery RCA** - Previously 1st (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA.  
**83rd Medium Battery RCA** - Previously 7th/ 10th (Reserve) Medium Battery RCA.

On 15 September 1959, the Regiment was amalgamated with 51st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA (which see below) and reorganized as follows:

**Headquarters**

**50th Medium Battery RCA**  
**83rd Medium Battery RCA**  
**112th Medium Battery RCA** -Previously 112th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA.

**2ND MEDIUM ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA** 12 April 1960 - 31 January 1965 "Artillery" was added to the designation of the Regiment on 12 April 1960. On 31 January 1965 the Regiment, less 50th Medium Battery RCA, was transferred to the Supplementary Order of Battle. 50th Medium Battery RCA was converted and redesignated **50th Field Battery RCA**, and continued as an independent unit.

**2ND FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA**

1 July 1966-Present

Headquarters, 2nd Medium Artillery Regiment RCA was transferred from the Supplementary Order of Battle, converted to field artillery and redesignated as shown on 1 August 1966, effective 1 July 1966. The Regiment was organized as follows:

**Headquarters**

**7th Field Battery RCA**  
**50th Field Battery RCA**  
**66th Field Battery RCA** - Transferred from the Supplementary Order of Battle and allocated to the Regiment on 1 April 1970 (see 37th Field Artillery Regiment RCA above for previous history).

ACTIVE SERVICE

## EARLY HISTORY

The Montréal Brigade of Garrison Artillery was called out on active service from 8 March to 24 April 1866, and again on 1 June 1866 during the Fenian Raid of 1866. A detachment of the Brigade served at Ile aux Noix from 24 May to 1 June 1870 during the Fenian Raid of 1870. The Brigade served at Regina from 26 May to 14 July 1885 during the North West Rebellion.

## FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1919

The following units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were perpetuated by the Regiment and its Batteries:

**2nd Brigade CGA CEF** was organized at Lydd, England on 18 January 1917 as 2nd Canadian Heavy Artillery Group CEF. It was redesignated 2nd Brigade CGA CEF on 12 January 1918. The Brigade served in France and Flanders from 31 March 1917 until the Armistice.

**1st Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF** was recruited in Montréal, Saint John, New Brunswick and Cobourg, Ontario and mobilized on 30 June 1915 at Halifax, Nova Scotia as No. 1 Heavy Battery Depot CEF. The Battery was redesignated 1st Overseas Battery CGA CEF on 1 October 1915. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 30 November 1915, and was redesignated 97th (Canadian) Siege Battery CGA CEF on 24 September 1916. It served in France and Flanders from 14 June 1916 until the Armistice, and was redesignated 1st Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF on 29 January 1917. It was a sub-unit of the Canadian Siege Brigade CEF, which was redesignated 1st Canadian Heavy Artillery Group CEF on 24 November 1916, and 1st Brigade CGA CEF on 12 January 1918. The Battery was demobilized at Toronto and Montréal 12 May 1919.

**3rd Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF** was mobilized at Montréal on 21 September 1915 as 3rd Overseas Siege Battery CEF. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 27 December 1915 and was redesignated 107th (Canadian) Siege Battery CGA CEF on 24 February 1916. The Battery served in France and Flanders from 19 June 1916 until the Armistice, and was redesignated 3rd Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF on 29 January 1917. The Battery was a sub-unit of 1st Brigade CGA CEF. It was demobilized at Montréal on 11 May 1919.

**7th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF** was authorized on 14 April 1916 and mobilized as 6th (McGill) Overseas Siege Battery CGA CEF on 25 April 1916 from graduates and undergraduates of McGill University. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 25 September 1916, and was redesignated 271st (Canadian) Siege Battery CGA CEF on 6 October 1916. It was redesignated 7th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF on 29 January 1917. The Battery served in France and Flanders from 15 March 1917 until the Armistice as a sub-unit of 1st Brigade CGA CEF. It was demobilized at Montréal on 12 May 1919.

### 10th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF

There were two batteries with this designation:

The first **10th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF** was organized at Shomcliffe, England on 30 May 1917 from personnel of the Canadian Reserve Artillery Depot CEF. The Battery arrived in France on 18 October 1917, and was absorbed on 19 October 1917 by 4th, 6th and 7th Canadian Siege Batteries CGA CEF.

The second **10th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF** was organized on 2 January 1918 at Shomcliffe, England from personnel of 13th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF. The Battery was allocated to 3rd Brigade CGA CEF on 22 January 1918, and served in France and Flanders from 15 March 1918 until the Armistice. It was demobilized at Montréal and Toronto on 12 May 1919.

The Montreal Heavy Brigade CGA CM raised The Montreal Heavy Brigade Draft, authorized on 15 June 1917. The Brigade also contributed volunteers to The Siege Artillery Draft, McGill University which was mobilized at McGill University on 5 April 1917. It arrived in the United Kingdom about 2 July 1917, and was absorbed by the second 10th Canadian Siege Battery CGA CEF (which see above).

## SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945

2nd Medium Brigade RCA mobilized the following batteries:

**1st Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery RCA** was mobilized on 1 September 1939 at Montréal as 1st Medium Battery RCA CASF, a sub-unit of 2nd Medium Brigade RCA CASF. The Battery was amalgamated with 57th Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA CASF on 10 June 1940 to form 1st /57th Medium Battery RCA CASF. This Battery was converted to heavy anti-aircraft artillery as 57th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA on 11 June 1941, and was redesignated 1st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA on 21 June 1941. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 27 September 1941, and participated in the air defence of England as a sub-unit of 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Anti-Aircraft Brigade until 1 March 1944. The Battery landed in Normandy on 6



August 1944 and served in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany as a sub-unit of 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Army until VE Day. It was disbanded on 7 September 1945.

**5th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA** was mobilized on 1 August 1940. The Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 28 February 1941. It landed in Sicily on 10 July 1943 as a sub-unit of 2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Infantry Division, and served in the campaign on the Italian mainland from 3 September 1943 to 7 March 1945. The Battery went into action in North West Europe on 6 April 1945, and served in the Netherlands until VE Day, acting as infantry from 13 April 1945. It was disbanded on 31 August 1945.

**7th Medium Battery RCA** was mobilized on 4 September 1939 as 7th Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA CASE. The Battery was amalgamated on 31 January 1940 with 2nd Medium Battery (Howitzer) RCA CASF to form 2nd/7th Medium Battery RCA CASF, 1st Medium Regiment RCA CASF. This Battery arrived in the United Kingdom on 8 February 1940, and was reorganized as 2nd and 7th Medium Batteries RCA on 2 August 1941. 7th Medium Battery RCA landed in Sicily on 8 November 1943 as a sub-unit of 5th Medium Regiment RCA, 1st Canadian Army Group Royal Artillery, and arrived on the Italian mainland on 6 January 1944. It served in the Italian campaign until 12 March 1945, and entered the campaign in North West Europe on 1 April 1945. The Battery served in the Netherlands until VE Day and was disbanded on 30 June 1945.

**50th Medium Battery RCA** was mobilized on 29 July 1941 as 50th Field Battery RCA, a subunit of 20th Field Regiment RCA. On 26 January 1942, the Battery was converted and redesignated 50th Medium Battery RCA. It arrived in the United Kingdom on 18 August 1942. The Battery landed in Normandy on 9 July 1944 as a sub-unit of 4th Medium Regiment RCA, 2nd Canadian Army Group Royal Artillery, and served in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany until VE Day. It was disbanded on 26 September 1945.

**1st Survey Regiment RCA** was mobilized on 2 September 1939 as 2nd Survey Regiment RCA CASF, and was redesignated 1st Survey Regiment RCA CASF in October 1940. The Regiment arrived in the United Kingdom on 5 September 1940. It served in the Italian campaign from 8 December 1943 to 25 February 1945 as a unit of 1st Canadian Corps Artillery. The Regiment went into action in North West Europe on 29 March 1945, and served in the Netherlands and Germany until VE Day. It was disbanded on 29 June 1945.