

The Royal Regina Rifles



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The lineage of the regiment can be traced back to 1905 when the 95th Regiment was authorized then officially formed in 1907. Companies were formed in Moose Jaw, Regina, Wolseley, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The Regiment was renamed the 95th Saskatchewan Rifles in 1909.

During World War I, numbered battalions were formed to serve overseas. Reserve regiments such as the 95th recruited and contributed men to these battalions. The 28th (Northwest) Battalion existed from November 1914 to June 1919. Two other reserve battalions (68 and 195) were raised and sent to England as reinforcements for the Canadian Corps in the field.

In 1920, The South Saskatchewan Regiment replaced the 95th Rifles with battalions in Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Regina, Moosomin and Estevan. In 1924, The Regina Rifle Regiment was formed.

During World War II, 1st Battalion served in Europe, landing at Juno Beach on D-day. 2nd and 3rd Battalions were Reserve or were airfield defence. A 4th battalion was part of the occupation force in Germany from 1945 to early 1946.

The Regina Rifle Regiment contributed individual soldiers to other regiments during the Korean War; and formed companies to NATO forces in Germany in 1951-1952.

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Beginning in the late 1980s, many individual members of the regiment have participated in United Nations and NATO missions in Cyprus, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Southwest Asia and Afghanistan.

