

Brief History of the Military in the Kootenays

A. Independent Companies of Rifles (from 6 June 1898 to 1 June 1900)

(1) Nelson Rifle Company	Nelson BC
(2) Rossland Rifle Company	Rosslan BC
(3) Kaslo Rifle Company	Kaslo BC
(4) Revelstoke Rifle Company	Revelstoke BC

B. Independent Companies of Rocky Mountain Rangers (from 1 January 1900 to 1 April 1908)

(1) No. 1	Rosslan BC
(2) No. 2	Nelson BC
(3) No. 3	Kamloops BC
(4) No. 4	Kaslo BC
(5) No. 5	Revelstoke BC

C. 102nd Regiment (from 1 April 1908)

1. Headquarters	Nelson BC
2. A Company	Rosslan BC
3. B Company	Nelson BC
4. C Company	Nelson BC
5. D Company	Kaslo BC

D. 107th East Kootenay Regiment (from May 1914 to 1920)

(1) Regimental Headquarters	Fernie BC
(2) A Company	Fernie BC
(3) B Company	Fernie BC
(4) C Company	Michel BC
(5) D Company	Cranbrook BC
(6) E Company	Fernie BC
(7) F Company	Creston BC
(8) G Company	Nelson BC (as of 1918)
(9) H Company	Nelson BC (as of 1918)

E. 54th Kootenay Battalion CEF (from 1 June 1915 to 1920)

(1) Regimental Headquarters	Nelson BC
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F. 225th Kootenay Battalion CEF (from 15 July 1916 to 7 September 1917)

(1) Regimental Headquarters Fernie BC

G. Kootenay Regiment (from 15 March 1920 to 5 December 1936)

(1) Regimental Headquarters Cranbrook BC
(2) A Company Nelson BC
(3) B Company Fernie BC
(4) C Company Cranbrook BC
(5) D Company Creston BC

H. 24th (Kootenay) Field Brigade RCA (from 5 December, 1936 to 1946)

(1) Headquarters Cranbrook BC
(2) 107th Field Battery Cranbrook BC
(3) 108th Field Battery (Howitzer) Kimberley BC
(4) 109th Field Battery Trail BC
(5) 111th (Nelson) Field Battery Nelson BC

I. 24th Field Regiment RCA (from 1946 to 1965)

(1) Regimental Headquarters Trail BC
(2) 107th Field Battery (later Cranbrook BC
(3) 109th Field Battery Trail BC
(4) 111th Field Battery Nelson BC

J. 44th Field Squadron RCE (from 25 January 1949 to present)

(1) Headquarters Trail BC
(2) Troop (from 1 April 1968 to 1969) Nelson BC
(3) Troop Cranbrook from December 2016

In May 2000 the unit named its armoury after LCol AHG Kemball CB DSO who was a Commanding Officer of the 54th Kootenay Battalion killed at Vimy Ridge to reflect this historical connection.