

**REGIMENTAL HEAD DRESS BADGES 1882-1967**

**HOME SERVICE HELMET 1882-1914**



**A**



**B**

A. Officers Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1881-1902

B. Officers Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1902-1908



**C**



**D**

C & D. Officers Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1908-1914



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**E**



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**F**

**E.** Other Ranks Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1881-1902

**F.** Helmet Plate Centre from the Helmet Plate worn on the Home Service Helmet worn as a cap badge on the glengarry cap 1881-1899 (known Regimentally as the “Cartwheel Pattern”)



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**G**



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**H**

**G.** Other Ranks Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1902-1908

**H.** Other Ranks Helmet Plate for the Home Service Helmet 1908-1914



## FOREIGN SERVICE HELMETS 1899-1945

### **OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY CHRONICLE 1899**

#### **THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

At a meeting of Commanding Officers held at the (13th,) Brigade (6th Division) Office on the 9th December 1899 , Major-General C. E. Knox presiding, it was decided :--

7. Distinguishing Badges for Battalions,—For officers and men, to be the shoulder-strap of the red serge, tacked over the puggaree on the left hand side of the helmet (except in the case of the 2nd Gloucester Regiment, who will wear it behind).

Shapes to be as follows:--

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2nd East Kent Regiment (the Buffs) | - Square  |
| 1st West Riding Regiment           | - Oval    |
| 1st Oxfordshire Light Infantry     | - Diamond |

#### **1900 - 1908 ALL RANKS PUGAREE FLASH.**

Diamond shaped patch in red serge, 64mm wide by 64mm high.

In the centre, a “French” style bugle-horn with the radial title 'OXFORD' below embroidered in white worsted cotton.

These flashes were cut down from the tunic shoulder straps of cast-off uniform.



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### **1907 – c1920s ALL RANKS PUGAREE FLASH.**

1907-In the 1907 Regimental Chronicle under the 1st Battalion diary entry:-

**13th May** - A new pattern regimental Badge on the Khaki helmet was taken into wear, consisting of a diamond shaped piece of scarlet cloth with a bugle and the word " OXFORD " worked on it in white worsted.



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In 1911 the badge once again appeared in the regimental Chronicle:-

### **1911 DRESS AND EQUIPMENT, 1st Battalion, India.**

**Helmets.**--Wolseley pattern improved; khaki, covered with web binding; ventilating dome-shaped button; leather chin-strap. The regimental pugri is made up on a buckram frame, secured to the sides of the helmet by two tapes, passed through eyelet-holes, and fastened inside.

Sewn on the left side of the pugri is a diamond-shaped patch on which is embroidered, in white, a bugle, similar to that worn as a cap badge. It is identical with the patch which was worn on the head-dress throughout the South African Campaign (1899-1902), and which was in the first instance made from the shoulder-straps of the men's kersey frocks during' the voyage to Cape Town.

## 1937-c1945 ALL RANKS PUGAREE BADGE

### The Regimental Chronicle 1937

#### **2nd Battalion Diary:-**

**30th April** - Red Flashes with embroidered White Bugle Horns taken into wear on the left side of the Pith Hat and sewn on to the puggaree.

The Silver Bugle Horn now worn only on the Wolsey helmet which is worn on ceremonial parades.



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This same badge was also worn on the Slouch hat by the 6th battalion in the Burma Campaign of the Second World War.



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## CAP BADGES 1898-1965

### Regimental Chronicle 1894

#### 1st Battalion Diary

1st April - A new pattern Field Service cap was issued to the NCOs and men of the regiment to replace the Glengarry cap.

### Regimental Chronicle 1894

#### CHANGES IN EQUIPMENT, ISSUE OF CLOTHING,

DURING the year, the only change of any importance has been the issue of the new pattern cap, which was taken into wear on the 1st April, in place of the old Glengarry. The badge on this cap is a small and neat bugle.

### Regimental Chronicle for 1898:-

A new and larger cap badge has been, approved for officers and men, and will be worn both on the Field Service cap and Foreign Pattern helmet.

### Regimental Chronicle 1899 (1st Battalion)

1st April - The new pattern Badge for the Field Service Caps and Foreign Service Helmets taken into wear.



Officers Service Dress Cap badge worn "Bronzed" 1898-c1915 after which time the "Silver Bugle Horn" was worn in Silver or Silver Plate.



**A**



**B**

**A** Other Ranks white metal cap badge worn 1898-1958 on the forage cap

**B** Silver Bugle Horn cap badge worn on the Green Field Service Caps 1927-1945, on the Khaki Field Service Cap 1939-1943, Airborne Forces Beret 1942-1946, General Service Cap and Beret 1943-1946



## Regimental Chronicle 1927

### **2nd Battalion:-**

**22nd August** - Khaki Field Service Caps ordered to be replaced by all ranks with those of dark green colour as the former become unserviceable the small bugle (B)(shoulder bugle size of whitemetal) to be worn with the latter'



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## Regimental War Chronicle 1940-1942

Early in August (1940) Lieutenant-Colonels D.C. Covill, D.S.O., M.C. commanding the 43rd, L.W. Giles, M.C. commanding the 52nd, and G.E. Whittal, M.C. commanding the I.T.C. , met at Cowley Barracks and agreed on certain items which were circulated to all battalions as follows:

### **CAP BADGES:**

Small shoulder title horn to be drawn by the Quartermaster from Ordnance, silvered privately and issued to the regiment at 2 1/2d.



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In the April 1950 edition of the Regimental Journal (Number 116) in an article on **Officers Dress Regulations:-**

**5. Head-dress**

(a) The Service Dress peaked cap will be worn with battle dress except on training when the beret may be worn, The cap will be the Light Infantry Brigade one, obtainable from Herbert Johnson, 33 New Bond St., London, W.1. Felt, with a medium sized peak, **¾ size silver or white metal cap-badge**, small sized Light Infantry silvered buttons, chinstrap ¾ in. in breadth.

(b) Beret. Light Infantry green with **¾ size silver or white metal badge** worn over the left eye.

**NOTE.** The ¾ size cap-badge will shortly be worn in all types of head-dress by all ranks.



**C**



**D**

**C** Beret or "¾" size cap badge worn on the Beret c1950-1958 by the 1st Battalion and by the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (TA) c1950-1967

**D** Anodised Aluminium Beret badge worn by the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (TA) 1964-1967



Cap badges of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry and the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 1898-1965 for size comparison



## CAP BADGE 1958-1965

### Regimental Chronicle 1958

**1st April** - All ranks of the Regiment were transferred from the Light Infantry Brigade to the Green Jackets Brigade.

**19th December** - Notification reached the Regiment that our new official abbreviation was to be '**1 GREEN JACKETS**'.

As 7th November drew near, we began to get more and more anxious about our new badges and dress, which showed no signs of appearing.

Cap badges did arrive in time to be worn on the 7th, and about half of the other bits and pieces, although such things as black buttons were missing.



**A**

**B**

**A.** Green Jackets Brigade Officers Cap Badge in Silver & Silver Plate.

**B.** Green Jackets Brigade Other Ranks Cap Badge in Anodised Aluminium.

### Regimental Chronicle 1965

**31st December** - 2359 hours - The Regiment ceased to be known as 1st Green Jackets 43rd and 52nd.

### 1966

**1st January** - 0001 hours - The Regiment assumed the title of 1st BATTALION, THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS (43RD AND 52ND).