

Bands of the Legion of Frontiersmen

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This photograph is the Legion of Frontiersmen Band (Cambridge Command), 1914. The band was originally that of the Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps.

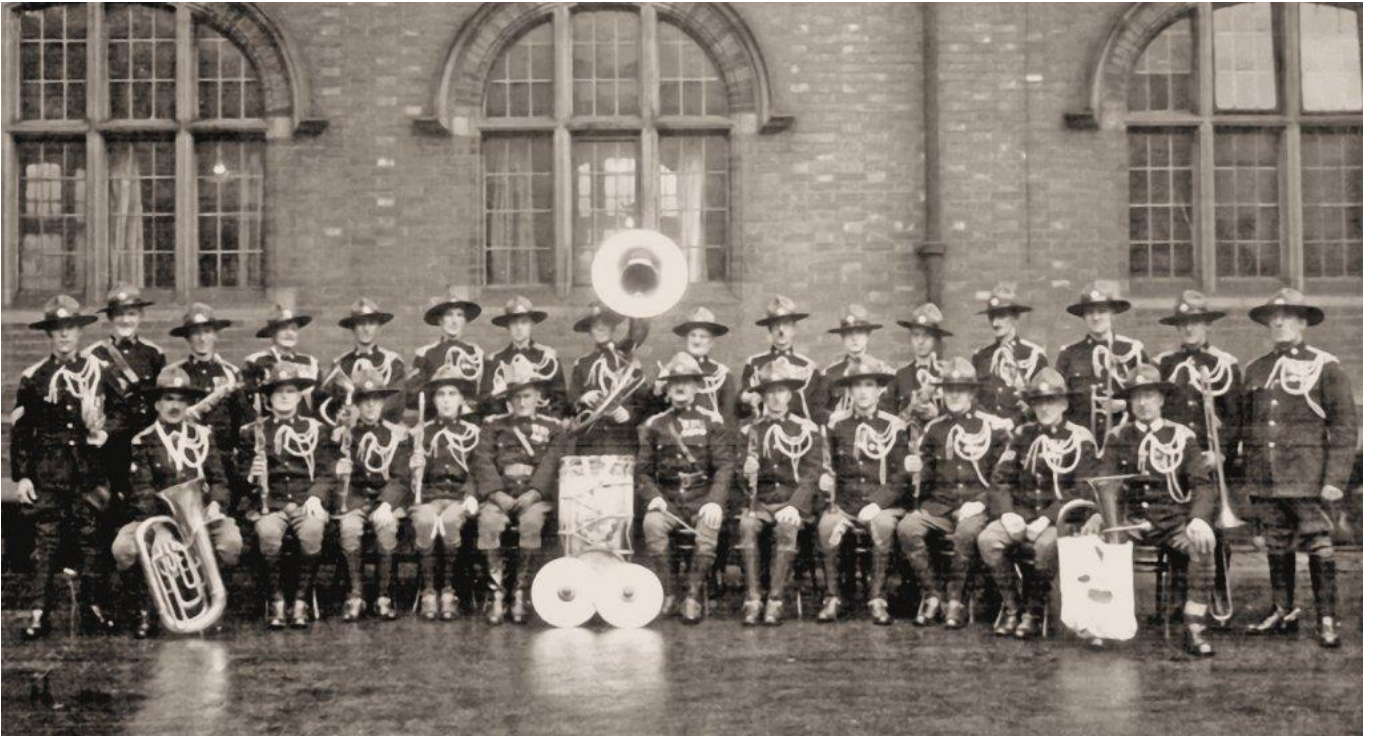


The Legion of Frontiersmen was founded in London in 1905 by Roger Pocock. Aiming to be a civilian field intelligence corps, it formed branches across the Commonwealth to prepare enlistees for war and to foster vigilance in peacetime. As a paramilitary organisation it never achieved official recognition, but various branches still exist today. Various units established bands, and these were primarily military bands in their instrumentation – no full brass Legion band has been identified.

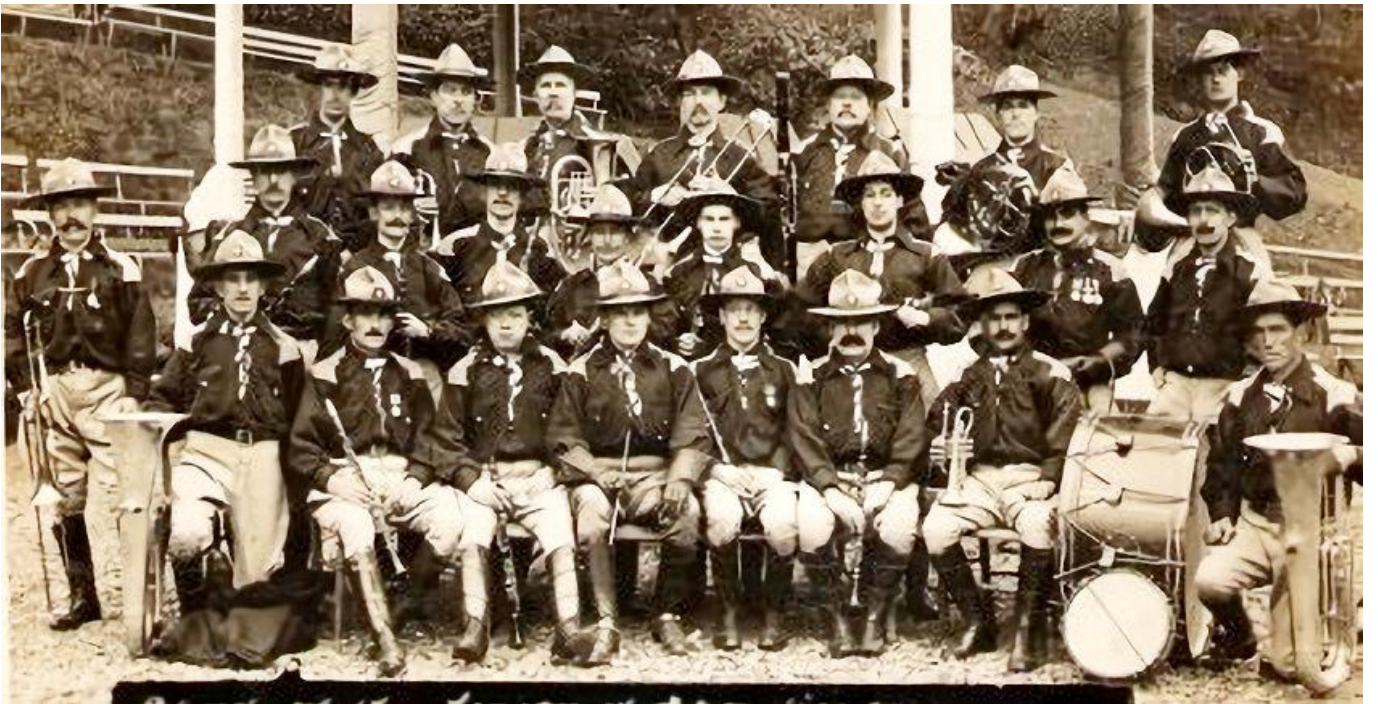
Some more of the Legion's bands are pictured below.

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Band of the Legion of Frontiersmen (Sheffield Squadron) – 1931



The Legion's band at Salisbury, 1910



Canadian Legion of Frontiersmen Band, 1912