

Fonds 83

Frederick Bliss fonds. – 1914-1985. - 4 cm of textual records. – 137 photographs.

Frederick Bliss was born in Toronto on 1 March 1901. He was apparently orphaned, and lied about his age in order to enlist in the 222nd Battalion at Winnipeg in 1915. For most of the First World War he served overseas with the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. He was discharged on 31 March 1919, and re-enlisted with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on 24 November 1920. By 1926 he was promoted to Sergeant. He was commissioned in 1942 and served in Canada with the 10 Ordnance Depot Company. He retired from military service in 1948 with the rank of Captain. He worked as a purchasing agent for a hospital in Victoria, B.C. in 1956-1966. He was still living in Victoria in 1985.

The personal papers and photographs were in the possession of Harold Hammel of Calgary.

The fonds includes of Frederick Bliss's service papers, his service records copied from the Library and Archives Canada website, classroom notes, manuals. Includes photographs (removed from an album for conservation reasons) documenting Bliss's military career, 1921-1946, and his post-military life.

Donated by Harold Hammel, 1992, accession 92.113.

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- F-83-1 Certificate of commission. – 1942. - (Located at Rm. 2, Shelf J.3.3)
- F-83-1a Service records. – 1914-1937. – Copied from Library and Archives Canada website.
- F-83-2 Service papers. – 1919-1955. – Includes discharge certificate (1919), certificates of instruction (1922-1937), permanent pass (1940), résumé of military service (1941), correspondence re officer training (1941), certificates of qualification, lieutenant (1942), correspondence re transfers (1943-1944), notification of retirement (1947), discharge certificate (1948), notification of Meritorious Service Award (1955), Information regarding mounting and wearing of decorations, campaign stars and medals (ca. 1948-ca. 1950).
- F-83-3 Service papers. – [ca. 1926]-1947. – Consists of Sergeants' Mess standing orders (ca. 1926), officer's record of service (1939-1947).
- F-83-4 History of the R.C.O.C. before War, 1939-45 / prepared and published by R.C.O.C. School. – 1947 Mar. – Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.
- F-83-5 Field message book containing classroom notes. – 1941.
- F-83-6 Manuals. – 1931-1939. – Consists of: Training in the use of infantry range-finder. – London : H.M.S.O., 1931-1935 ; Range table for 303-inch Vickers machine gun. – [London] : War Office,

1931-1933 ; Drill for foot guards and infantry of the line. – Ottawa : King's Printer, 1939. – (Military training pamphlet ; no. 18).

- F-83-7 Invitations. – 1982-1983. – Consists of invitations to Mess dinner (1982), Trooping ceremony (1983), Work Point Barracks.
- F-83-8 Album : portraits. – [ca. 1940s]. – 2 portraits of Bliss in uniform.
- F-83-10 Album : group portraits. – 1921-1943. – Consists of: Fort Osborne Barracks 1921 Garrison Signal School ; Royal School of Signals Visual Telegraphy Class, Camp Borden, Ont. ; Infantry Camp, Yorkton, 1923 ; Garrison Signal Class, Fort Osborne Barracks, 1923, instructors Sgt. G. Perry, Cpl F. Bliss ; Royal School of Signals, Fort Osborne Barracks, 1924 ; Rifle Team, "A" Company, P.P.C.L.I., Fort Osborne Bks., Winnipeg, Man., 1927 ; presentation of long service and good conduct medals, Fort Osborne Barracks, 1935 [including] RSM K.E. McCulloch, Sgt. F. Bliss, Sgt. R. Morrison, Bdn. D. Sheedy ; C.T.A.A. Platoon # 7. O.T.C. Brockville, April 1942 ; Overseas draft, 1943, No. 10 Ordnance Depot, Winnipeg, Man. [including] O.C. Major Lightbourne, 2 I/C Capt. McCarthy, Adj. Lt. Bliss, RSM WO1 Kiely.
- F-83-11 Album : photos. – [1920s]. – Includes images of: F. Bliss ; Pillpotts LdSh(RC) ; Langlier ; B Coy PPCLI soccer and baseball teams, Work Point Barracks ; Fort Osborne Barracks/Camp Hughes [including] Miss McCready, Sgt. S. Pink, L/Cpl. Oliver ; Swim meet, Camp Borden, 1922 ; L/Cpl. Jack Lannon, Lannon's family home.
- F-83-12 Album : photos. – [1930s]. – Includes images of: F. Bliss ; Bliss with roadster with 1933 license plate ; Peter Doyle ; RSM T.J. Turnbull ; military funeral for L/Cpl. Fisher, RCR, Kingston ; Petawawa Camp, Kingston, Carden-Loyd Course, 1931, [includes] Capt. C. Cauveau (R22R), Sgt. F. Bliss (PPCLI), Pte Véal (R22R), Cpt. Keller (PPCLI), Capt. F.E. Worthington, Capt. C. Foulkes ; Kingston Air Show, 1931 ; R.C.A. Barracks, Kingston, 1931 ; Fort Osborne Barracks/ St. Charles/Shilo, 1935-1936 [includes] E. Scrutton, F. Bliss, H. Lovelock, F. Robinson (RCOC), C. Raven, A. Campbell. Bill Cox, Gadsen, Searles (RCCS), D.T. Deroche ; Sarcee Barracks, 1936-1937 [includes] Bliss, "Mouse Trap" (cat).
- F-83-13 Album : photos. – [1940s]. – Includes images of: Orderly Room staff, No. 10 Depot, RCOC, Winnipeg, 1942 ; 3 men posing in bell tent ; Bliss with group dining outdoors ; 2 young officers sitting on steps of building ; Lt. & Mrs. Bliss, 254 Duffield St., Winnipeg, 1942 ; Bliss sitting at desk ; New Sarum (Ont.) depot [ca. 1946] ; Hagersville (Ont.) depot [ca. 1946] ; Main Depot [ca. 1946, includes] Maj. Cambridge, L.Col. Shannon, Brig. Earnshaw, L.Gen. Foulkes, Mr. Brooke Claxton, M.Gen. McQueen, Maj, MacLean, Col. Elwood, Mr. C.D. Howe.
- F-83-14 Album : photos. – [1950s]-1984. Includes images of: Street photo, Bliss in civilian suit accompanied by 2 women, Victoria, B.C., [ca. 1950s] ; Fred Bliss, purchasing agent, St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C., 1956-1966 ; Fred Bliss with Terry DeRoche, Eddy Crouch, Jack Later, [1950s?] ; Juan de Fuca swim, Victoria to Port Angeles, Cliff Lumsdon, swimmer, Gus Ryder, coach, Fred Bliss, starter, 17 Aug 1956 ; Bliss riding a lawn mower [ca. 1970s] ; golfing, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, 1983-1984, includes Ed Bell, Ted Martin, Ivan Green, Fred Bliss.