

## PPCLI Fonds 14

Gilbert Candy fonds. - 1914-2002. - 15 cm of textual records and other material. - 1 album (42 photographs)

#1541 Gilbert W. Candy was born 30 August 1889 in Buenos Aires, Argentina and saw service with the 15th Light Horse in England prior to immigrating to Canada in 1911. He worked on a dairy farm near Black Diamond, Alberta. He enlisted with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as one of the "originals" on 12 August 1914. Promoted to Lance Corporal 9 October 1915 he was wounded 2 June 1916 at the Battle of Mount Sorrel while acting as a grenade thrower. He was subsequently struck off strength 9 June 1916. He was mentioned in dispatches for his actions at Sanctuary Wood. Candy was promoted to Acting Sergeant and remained in England for 3 months as an instructor in Mills Bombs. He returned to Canada 14 October 1916 with other invalid soldiers. After undergoing some treatment for flat feet he was discharged as medically unfit 18 January 1917. He returned to England in 1917 and was involved in a family business exporting pedigreed bulls and rams to Argentina. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1925 and operated a dairy business near Auckland. He married Esther Pike, and they had four children, Field, Robin, Nielson, and Patricia. He passed away in New Zealand in 1983 at the age of 94.

The fonds contains diaries, photographs, service records, letters and biographical information of Gilbert Candy.

Additional material on Gilbert Candy is located at Collection 1, file 31(22)-2.

The fonds consists of the following files (F-14 = Fonds 14):

- F-14-02.36 Sgt. Gilbert Candy, 1889-1982 : Princess Patricia's Light Infantry World War I army records. – 2002. – Compilation of copies of documents and photographs. Includes biography written by his nephew, Michael A. Candy.
- F-14-06.36.01 Notebook – 1914-1916. – Contains training notes made by Sgt. Gilbert Candy while he was a grenade instructor in England in 1916. In addition notes made during 1914 when he was a civilian working at Black Diamond, Alberta (dairy farming), indicating milk and fat production are also present.
- F-14-06.36.02 Paybook. -- 1 June 1916 – 21 Dec 1916
- F-14-06.36.03 Diary. -- Dec 1914 – 23 June 1915
- F-14-06.36.04 Diary. -- 26 Nov 1915 – 2 Mar 1916
- F-14-06.36.05 Diary. -- 7 May 1916 – 7 June 1916
- F-14-06.36.06 Diary. -- 4 Aug 1916 – 27 Sept 1916 (England)
- F-14-06.36.07 Diary. -- 1 Oct 1916 -- 21 Nov 1916 (England)

- F-14-06.36.08 Diary. -- 1 Feb 1920 -- 15 Mar 1920 (Canada)
- F-14-06.36.09 Drawing of trench construction with parts labeled (removed from paybook) – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.10 Drawing- trench map of trenches near Sanctuary Wood (removed from paybook) – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.11 List- handwritten list of trench stores (removed from 06.36.04). – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.12 Photo, Cpl Candy in front trenches. – [ca. 1915]
- F-14-06.36.13 Photo, Pte. Candy. -- [ca. 1914]
- F-14-06.36.14 Photo, Cpl Candy in the trenches. – [ca. 1915]
- F-14-06.36.15 Photo, Pte. Candy behind the trenches. – [ca. 1915]
- F-14-06.36.16 Photo, Cpl Candy performing ablutions. – [ca. 1915]
- F-14-06.36.17 Photo, route march, could be Levis, Quebec. – [ca. 1914]
- F-14-06.36.18 Photo, group, Gilbert Candy back row centre. – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.19 Photo, group, Gilbert Candy, far right, outing in England. – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.20 Photo, group, King's Own Rifles, Armentieres. -- 1915
- F-14-06.36.21 Photo, the Regiment embarking to England on the Royal George. – 1914
- F-14-06.36.23 19 photos (plus copies) of PPCLI in the trenches. - 1915-1917
- F-14-06.36.23 7 photos (plus copies) of Patricia soldiers. – [ca. 1914-ca. 1917]
- F-14-06.36.24 6 photos (plus copies) of members from the trenches including Sanctuary Wood. – [ca. 1915-ca. 1916]
- F-14-06.36.25 Archival file - contains service records, letters (addressed to Blagrave Farm, Abingdon, Berkshire, England). Letters sent to Mother, sisters Ethel Blake and Madge, passes, MID citation and photos of Candy's badges, medals etc. – 1915-1917, ca. 2002
- F-14-06.36.26 Archival file- contains post war ephemera, correspondence and Patricia Club newsletters. -- 1963
- F-14-06.36.27 Archival file- contains miscellaneous newsclippings. – 1914-1964

- F-14-06.36.28 Archival file- contains 32 letters written by Gilbert Candy, to mother, sisters (see 06.36.25) and brother (Dirk). -- 26 April 1913 – 26 April 1915
- F-14-06.36.29 Archival file- contains 40 letters written by Gilbert Candy to mother, sisters, and brother, 2 May 1915 – 27 June 1916
- F-14-06.36.30 CD-ROM- contains scanned pages of Gilbert Candy's diaries, 26 Nov 1915 – 15 March 1920
- F-14-06.36.31 CD-ROM- contains scanned pages of letters written by Gilbert Candy, 26 Apr 1913 – 27 July 1916
- F-14-06.36.32 CD-ROM- contains photos of "Flanders Today" taken by Michael Candy. – [ca. 2002].
- C40-6.2 Album. – [1915-1919]. – 42 snapshots of life at the front, returning home. Individuals depicted include Candy, Claissen, Gallagher, Sgt Christie, Popey, Williamson.

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