

## PPCLI Fonds 35

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, Toronto Branch fonds. – 1916-1999. – 10 cm of textual records

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Service Club of Toronto was organized during World War I to provide personal assistance to families and widows of PPCLI combatants and returned soldiers. It was incorporated in 1919 and began organizing annual reunion dinners in 1920. Following the Second World War, on 18 May 1946, Hamilton Gault organized the first meeting of the PPCLI Association which unified the local Patricia Clubs and included soldiers still serving with the Regiment. After the Korean War, on 13 September 1953, the PPCLI Association was incorporated and the PPCLI Service Club of Toronto became the Toronto Branch of the PPCLI Association.

The fonds contains correspondence, newsclippings, speeches, programmes, meeting minutes, notices and service records relating to Toronto Branch members and activities. Included are letters and the President's Report from A. Hamilton Gault, obituaries of past members including the will of David James Pearce, a photograph of the Third Battalion Carrier Platoon, 1951, the service records of Adam Wolfe and Harold Morden, articles and letters relating to the Dumbbells, the London Mother, the Sicily Memorial and Cousins Lake. Also included are materials relating to the University Company Memorial Plaque unveiling with nominal rolls and stats, Patricias buried in Sicily and Italy Cemeteries and the 35th anniversary ceremonies in Amsterdam in 1980.

Gifts of Charles Nixon, Vince Kennedy, Thomas F. Christian, James Malcolm Reid, and PPCLI Association, Toronto Branch, 1995-2014.

Collection 20 consists of the James Malcolm Reid collection.

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

- F-35-1 (collection of Charles Nixon) Song sheet, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry reunion dinner. – 1934 Aug. 4 [98.51.02]
- F-35-2 (collection of Charles Nixon) Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Service Club, Toronto : reunion dinner. – 1938 July 30 [98.51.03]
- F-35-3 (collection of Charles Nixon) The 26<sup>th</sup> annual dinner of The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Service Club of Toronto : at Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Hall. – 1945 May 5 [98.51.03]
- F-35-4 (collection of Thomas F. Christian) 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> annual banquets. – 1981-1982. [A2014.40]
- F-35-5 (collection of Thomas F. Christian) PPCLI Association Toronto Branch newsletter. – 1981-1983 [A2014.40]
- F-35-6 (collection of Vince Kennedy) 80<sup>th</sup> annual dinner of The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association (Toronto Branch). – 1999 May 8 [01.18.01]

- F-35-7 Toronto Branch newsclippings. – 1994-1995
- F-35-8 Toronto Branch newsclippings. – 1995-1996
- F-35-9 12 letters, 1 greeting card, 3 telegrams from Hamilton Gault and Dorothy Gault. – 1953-1965 [20.37.01]
- F-35-10 26 obituaries, letters, etc., regarding deceased and incapacitated members. – 1968-1992 [20.37.02]
- F-35-11 Letters, service records re: H.A. Morden. – 1916-1919, 1994 [20.37.03]
- F-35-12 Programme, newsclippings – Dumbells. – 1952, 1955 [20.37.04]
- F-35-13 Letter, greeting card, newsclippings – Jenny Macgregor Morris, PPCLI “London Mother”. [ca. 1957]-1961 [20.37.05]
- F-35-14 Speeches, articles, programme, script for unveiling of monument at Pachino and Ispica, Sicily. – 1991 [20.37.06]
- F-35-15 Maps, service records, letters re naming of Cousins Lake, Manitoba in memory of Pte Sidney John Cousins. – 1989 [20.37.07]
- F-35-16 Letter including script for ceremony and nominal rolls, Universities Companies plaque unveiling, Montreal. – 1949. [20.37.08]
- F-35-17 Minutes, Annual General Meeting, PPCLI Association. – 11 June 1955 [20.37.09]
- F-35-18 7 letters from Steven Foster (1975-1987), 1 letter from Lyall Fraser (1949). – 1949-1987 [20.37.10]
- F-35-18 3 letters from A.C. Peacock. – 1965-1967[20.37.11]
- F-35-19 Letter from E.J. Dodd containing list of PPCLI soldiers buried in 7 different cemeteries in Italy. – 1975 [20.37.12]
- F-35-20 Citations of lifetime members J.M. Reid, Norman A. Keys, John W. McLaren. – 1965-1972 [20.37.13]
- F-35-21 2 letters from Gen Lewis MacKenzie (1997-1998), 1 letter from Bill McKenzie (1975), 1 letter from Gen Reg Lewis (1979). – 1975-1998 [20.37.14]
- F-35-22 Newsclipping about Gen John de Chastelain. – 1990 [20.37.15]
- F-35-23 4 letters from Wally Smith. – 1989-1996 [20.37.16]
- F-35-24 Will of David James Pearce. – 1987 [20.37.17]

- F-35-25 Transcript, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, tributes to Harris Turner. – 1973 [20.37.18]
- F-35-26 Newsclippings - silver bugle returned to PPCLI; Korean War victims mourned. – 1966, 1993 [20.37.19]
- F-35-27 Frezenberg-VE Day Dinner, 1965: account of the dinner with reminiscences of Hugh Niven; poem “In Memory of Frezenberg” by Dave Pearce; card of thanks from North Street United Church, Goderich, Ontario. – 1965, 1987. [20.37.20]
- F-35-28 Correspondence, miscellaneous. – 1956-1998. – Includes correspondence from Head Office, PPCLI Association; Regimental Headquarters; National Defence Headquarters; Bert Bolton (travel diary, Netherlands, 1980); J.E. Mackay (identification of a group portrait of PPCLI officers, Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, August 1914); Gault Donaldson; Arthur Egerton Fenton; J.G. Farlow; D.J. Pearce; PPCLI Association, United Kingdom Branch; Jack Frazer, MP; PPCLI Association, Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch. [20.37.21]

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