

## PPCLI fonds 19

John Henry Richardson fonds. – 1939-2009. – 26 cm of textual records and other material.

John Henry Richardson, DCM, CD, was born in Victoria, BC on April 30, 1927 and died in Calgary, Alberta on December 26, 2008. His service number was SK12487. Chief Warrant Officer Richardson served in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Canada, Korea, continental Europe and Cyprus from May 16, 1945 to January 20, 1973, retiring as a Regimental Sergeant Major. John served in the RCMP for eight years as a Special Constable. He subsequently worked with the Alberta Forestry Service. John was a member of the PPCLI Association, Korea Veterans Association, RCMP Veterans Association, and the Royal Canadian Legion. He served as a paratrooper and jump instructor, was wounded in Korea in October 1952 and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He also served as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Canadian contingent in Cyprus in 1971 and was active in the PPCLI Association until his passing. He returned to Korea in 1983 and again in 1997, and supported efforts to have the government honour Korean veterans through memorials. John was survived by his sister Dr. Mary H. Richardson of Thunder Bay, ON.

The fonds was donated to the PPCLI Regimental Museum in 2010 by John R. Burns, the executor of Richardson's estate, and was transferred to the Archives in 2014.

The John Henry Richardson fonds covers two distinct periods, his military service and his activities with veterans' tributes and Korea pilgrimages after his service. He kept extensive news clippings for the time of his service in Korea and through the 1950s, as well as numerous well-labeled photographs from this period. He also kept key service files that provide an outline of his career progression including courses taken and qualifications earned, as well as dates of service. CWO Richardson collected a number of records from Korean pilgrimages in the 1980s and 1990s and veterans' reunions. He also kept articles and stories concerning his military peers. The fonds also includes a scrapbook/diary possibly kept by a family member documenting the early years of the Second World War.

Other materials by or about John Henry Richardson are in Collection 1 at the PPCLI Archives.

**Series 1. Military service.** – 1939-1983. – 16 cm of textual records and other material. – This series consists predominantly of documents, photographs, correspondence, news clippings, souvenirs, pamphlets, and manuals accumulated by John Henry Richardson during his military service. Includes a scrapbook/diary about the outbreak of the Second World War possibly created by a family member.

F-19-1 Diary and clippings about the Second World War. – 1939-1940. - Authorship unknown

F-19-2 Service records, Pay books, Unit Employment Record. - 1945-1973.

- F-19-2A Appointment to Chief Warrant Officer (1970), Certificate of Service (1973). – See 2014 oversize accessions, file A2014.99.02
- F-19-3 Distinguished Conduct Medal : clippings, official letter. - 1952.
- F-19-4 Special Air Service Platoon : photos – 1946-1949. – Most individuals identified . [A2014.99 02]
- F-19-5 Clippings and letters - 1941, 1945-1949. [A 2014.99.02]
- F-19-6 Part II Orders. - 1949-1950. - Announcements of promotions, etc., mentions Richardson.
- F-19 7 Exercise Eagle. – 1949. - Ration menu, clippings.
- F-19-8 Exercise Sweetbriar. - 1950. - Ex. Sweetbriar pamphlet for participants, stick lists (nominal roll, 15 Apr. 1950), “enemy force” propaganda leaflets, clippings, includes newspaper photos of Cpl A Wood, Sgt J Thompson, Pte RE Fieury, Cpl CH Lock, Lt A Potts, Capt C Bowlsky, Cpl A Brown, L/Cpl C Gibson, Pte LG Morrison, Pte DD Jones.
- F-19-9 Clippings. - 1950.
- F-19-10 Clippings, Korea. - 1951-1953. – Includes: RSM James Wood KIA article; JH Richardson injured; group photo, CSM. AT Clifton, LCol JR Cameron, 2Lt WC Robertson, CSM PA Lynch, Cpl VR Pippus, Cpl RG Reading, Pte RL Woods, LCpl EP Inkman; Pte D Morgan photo & WIA article; Sgt RA Prentice photo & WIA article.
- F-19-11 Clippings, Korea. - 1951-1952. – Includes clippings on Richardson being WIA; Sgt RG Buxton DCM ; Cpl DP Hastings MIA.
- F-19-12 Photos, Korean War. – 1951-1954. - Includes: Apr 1951 series: Dick Buxton, Sgt White, “Blondie” Lock, Jim Preston; postcard to mother with illustration of USNS Marine Adder 24 Oct. 1951; Feb 1952 series: Cpl Ruttan, Pte Lammers, Sgt Buxton, Sgt Richardson, Lt Richards, Lt RA Ostiguy, Pte Venasse, Capt Dudley, PPCLI Hockey Team, “Imjin Gardens” hockey rink, Cpl Logan, west and southwest views from 10 Pl position; Kihl (houseboy, Apr 1952); Sgt RG Buxton & Sgt Richardson in Ginza Beer Hall, May 1952; Sgt John Richardson and his mother (ca. Jan 1953); 81 mm mortar course, Hara Maru, Japan, 5-10 Oct 1953 including Sgt Richardson, Cpl Lortie, Cpl Russell, Sgt Caldwell, Sgt Collings, Cpl Dalzell, Cpl Kuno, Sgt Leblond; Oct 1953 series: Saijo Road (Kure, Japan); Louie (pet monkey, Hara Mura, Japan), Exercise Hilltop (A Coy., from Spectator Ridge, Japan); Takasago Hotel, Beppu, Kyushu, 1954.
- F- 9-13 Letters. – 1951-1957, 1988. – Letters and cards to Mrs. G.H. Richardson from John Richardson and Sgt D Stone.
- F-19-14 Richardson’s Korean War wounds. - 1952. – Letters, telegram, handwritten letters to his mother, newsclippings, birth announcement and photo from Helen May (his sister?).

- F-19-15 Souvenirs, Korea. - 1951-1952. – Chinese and North Korean propaganda, American propaganda directed at Chinese and North Koreans, certificate of crossing the International Date Line.
- F-19-16 Photos. – [ca. 1954-ca. 1971] – Most are unidentified. Includes Kapyong Day, 1969; LCol Hutchinson and Capt Cole at mess dinner, 10 Nov 1970; Dundurn, 1971; Trooping the Colour ceremony at Currie Barracks; group portrait of RQMS Johnson and CSMs Johnston, Carlson, Klokeid, Lochrie, Fudge, Folster, and Hearn.
- F-19-17 Clippings : Trooping, Owen Gardner. - 1951-1956. - Includes 1 photograph of Trooping at Fort MacLeod, Germany, 1956.
- F-19-18 Clippings. - 1953-1957. – Includes recruiting ads featuring Sgt RG Buxton, RSM Gardner, Sgt. Elliot, Sgt. Prentice, CSM Lynch.
- F-19-19 Photos : WO courses, parachute training, group portraits, parades. – [ca. 1950-1960]. – Includes Part 1 Orders, S.A.S. Company, 31 May 1956. Includes newsclipping featuring Drum Major WE Wyman. Includes group portrait featuring CSMs Carriere, Devlin, RQMS Smith, CSM Roberts, RSM Austin, LCol Cameron, QMSI Lynch, CFMs Clifton, Larson, McMahon, QMS Quaintance, S/Sgts Shaw, RE Buxton, Mackie, Appleton, Sgt Danyleyko, S/Sgts Mack, Frolek, King, Sgts Franklin, Crawford. Includes group portrait of Small Arms Wing, School of Infantry (U.K.), PW 171 (NCOs) Course, 1956, including Sgt J. Richardson
- F-19-20 Photos : Cyprus, etc. - [ca. 1968-ca. 1972]. – Includes group portrait of CSMs Murray, Carlson, Klokeid, Johnston, Richardson, Squires. Includes 2 photos of Buxton funeral. Includes group portrait of rugby clinic, Fort MacLeod, Germany, 1968. Includes press photo of Sgt Sterling MacAuley, Pte Robert Lyons, and Sgt Frank Brignall. Includes Sgt Richardson. Includes press photos of Cpl Terry Hartley and Pte B. Wannamaker in softball game, and LCol WE Hutchinson and chaplains Ron Sutton and Tom Easset at Frezenberg commemoration. Includes photo featuring RSM R Cassidy. Includes photo of Hamilton Gault Trophy parade, September 1970. Includes group portrait of HQ Coy, 1PPCLI, March 1972. Includes newsclipping about 1PPCLI Trooping the Colour parade, May 1972.
- F-19-21 Letters. - 1977. – Letter from Capt JW Miles re a photo; copy of letter from Lady Patricia Brabourne on the retirement of Gen. Cameron Ware as Colonel of the Regiment.
- F-19-22 Programs, menus, pamphlets. - 1939-1983. - Regarding regimental parades and dinners. Includes related newsclippings. Includes compilation of information on PPCLI (ca. 1964).
- F-19-23 Manuals, courses. - [ca.1946]-1967. – Includes: 4 Platoon memoires : Fort Beausejour Wing : Junior NCO Course, 2/67.
- Series 2. Post-military service.** – 1951-2009. – 9 cm of textual records and other material. – This series consists predominantly of correspondence, photographs, and published material

accumulated after Richardson's retirement from military service. Includes his will and information about his funeral service.

- F-19-24 Korea Veterans Association of Canada. - 1983-1998. – Programs, correspondence, certificate of membership. Includes photos of 1983 reunion.
- F-19-25 Certificates, memberships, honours. - 1951-2000. – Kapyong Battle Honour, Royal Canadian Legion, Korean Veterans Association, Korea Veterans Association of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada 125 certificate, Nature Conservatory of Canada, Republic of Korea.
- F-19-26 Letters. - 1985-1997. – Letters and cards from friends, a researcher, the Regiment.
- F-19-27 Clippings. - 1945, 1994-1999. - Includes Cameron Ware obituary
- F-19-28 Bob Coulter. - 1992-1996. - Clippings, memorial service.
- F-19-29 Charlie Byce. - 2006. – News story, email about much-decorated Aboriginal soldier.
- F-19-30 Jack LaChance. – 1996. – Memoirs, poems.
- F-19-31 Clippings, Buxton family : Cpl. David, RSM Richard George, Sgt. Frank. - 1952-[ca. 1973]. - Includes R.G. Buxton's citation, war diary, photos of memorial cairn.
- F-19-32 Exercise Ric-A-Dam-Doo. - 1993. - Information package.
- F-19-33 Gallantry Medallists' League. - 1996. - Proposed rules and newsletter.
- F-19-34 Request for a military funeral for Richardson, will. - 2008-2009.
- F- 19-35 Funeral program, John Richardson. - 2009.

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