

## Fonds 9

Robert F. Zubkowski fonds. – 1919-2007. – 35 cm of textual records. – 22 photographs.

Robert F. “Bob” Zubkowski was born in Vermilion, Alberta in 1953. He enlisted with the Canadian Armed Forces in November 1974 and was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (1PPCLI) from February 1975 until the end of his military career. He attended the PPCLI Battle School and was named Top Recruit. While with 1PPCLI he completed his secondary school education and acquired an occupational health and safety certificate and a museum studies certificate. He was placed in an accelerated non-commissioned officer program and received the Brigade Commander’s letter of commendation. He served with UN peacekeeping tours of Cyprus in 1978 and 1984. He was curator and archivist of the PPCLI Museum and Archives from 1989 to 1991, and was drum major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Corps of Drums. He retired from the Armed Forces in 1993 with the rank of sergeant, but remained active in the PPCLI family as a volunteer. He served as president of the Calgary Chapter of the PPCLI Association and Vice-President (West) of the Association. He is the compiler of *As Long as Faith and Freedom Lasts*, a compilation of reminiscences of World War I veterans; and is co-compiler (with Stephen K. Newman) of *Patricia’s Buried in Flanders & Belgium*. He leads a civilian drum corps, Black Thunder Inc.; operates a small business, Collector Motor Oil Ltd.; and works as an occupational health and safety consultant. He was married to Helena Zubkowski, and they had three sons, Christopher Peter, Daniel Robert, and Jason Paul.

The fonds includes Robert Zubkowski's service papers; classroom notes and handouts for courses he took or instructed; records of his involvement in the PPCLI Association; and items collected for the PPCLI Museum and Archives.

**Series 1. Personal information.** – 1974-2006. – 7 cm of textual records.

- 1 Zubkowski personal records. – 1974-2006. – Includes records of military service.
- 2 Humorous correspondence. – [ca. 2001].
- 3 Kit Shop pricelist. – [ca. April 25, 1997]. – Includes first design of the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal.
- 4 Patricia’s Buried in Flanders & Belgium 1914-1918 / Stephen K. Newman & Robert F. Zubkowski – [Draft version]. -- 1996-2000. – Contains letter dated 2000 from Lieutenant Jim O’Brian.
- 5 As Long as Faith and Freedom Lasts / Robert F. Zubkowski. – Pre-publication ed. -- [ca. 2003]. – Book is an unbound, mimeographed version.
- 6 Home Station Warrant Officers’ and Sergeants’ Mess constitution. – April 1, 1987.

**Series 2. Classroom instruction.** – [ca. 1960-ca. 1985]. - 13 cm of textual records.

- 7 Instructors' lesson plans. – [ca. 1974-1979]. – Includes Zubkowski's classroom notes on methods of instruction.
- 8 Instructors' classroom notes, lesson plans. – [ca. 1974-ca. 1976]
- 9 Aide-memoire for mess members and communication handout. – [ca. 1974-ca. 1976].
- 10 Advance anti armour (TOW) training handouts. – January 18, 1982-March 1982. – Handouts in this file are of an operational level for the instructor.
- 11 TOW weapon system handouts. – August 27<sup>th</sup>-August 31<sup>st</sup> 1979. – Handouts in this file are both of a technical and instructional level.
- 12 Trooping the colour. – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1983. – Includes specific parade details and general training manuals.
- 13 Performance check sheet. – [ca. 1960's-1970's]. – Document is relates to TOW weapon system but is blank
- 14 Small arms weapon training instructions. – October 15, 1971-1975. – Mix of maintenance manuals and evaluation guides.
- 15 Handouts on methods of instruction; glossary of military abbreviations. – [ca. 1975-ca. 1985]

**Series 3. PPCLI Association.** - 1985-2007. – 9 cm of textual records. – 20 photographs.

- 16 Bob Zubkowski personal items. – [1992-ca. 2007.] – Contains letters addressed to him, personal song booklet, nametags and pins.
- 17 Annual general meeting documents. – 2002-2007. – Bulk of the file devoted to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PPCLI Association in September 2007.
- 18 Minutes of the meeting. – June 20, 1985- June 30, 2007. – Large gaps in years, most of the 1990's is missing and only a few months of the year are present.
- 19 Miscellaneous documents, Calgary Branch, etc. – 1997-2007.
- 20 CFB Calgary documents. – 1997. – Relates to the shutdown of CFB Calgary and efforts to save it.
- 21 Calgary Branch documentation. – 2000-2005. – Bulk of file is a long booklet that describes the efforts of the Calgary Branch in 2005.
- 22 Korean War documents. – [ca. 2001-2011]. – Articles are of post war matters.

- 23 Miscellaneous business documents. – March 19, 1996-December 2004. – Includes PPCLI Museum and Archives reports (1996-1999). Includes Calgary Branch Newsletter and minutes (2003-2004).
- 24 Nominal rolls. – 1986-January 30, 2005. – Contains names of members of the PPCLI Association Calgary Branch, including phone numbers, addresses and starting in the 2000's, e-mail accounts.
- 25 Miscellaneous photos and news articles. – March 1986-1994. – Contains photos relating to the PPCLI Association and news articles about the death of Lord Mountbatten.
- 26 Miscellaneous event flyers. – 1999-2005. – Contains flyers for PPCLI meetings and Calgary wide events.

**Series 4. Collected works.** – 1919-2006. – 9 cm of textual records and other materials

- 27 Miscellaneous news articles and periodicals. – 1945-2006. – Random assortment of news articles relating to variety of military matters.
- 28 Korea Veterans Association newsclippings, nominal roll, and correspondence. – 1993-2001.
- 29 PPCLI Heritage Committee book project. – March 2000. – Contains both David Bercuson's original proposal and his revised outline.
- 30 Obituaries. – 1984-2006. – An assortment of obituaries of PPCLI members, the file contains various memorial programs, newspaper clippings, honour rolls and letters.
- 31 Unbound aide memoire. – [ca. 1960's-1970's]. – Manual concerns leadership, thus making it likely meant for commissioned officers or sergeants.
- 32 Abbreviated army glossary. – [ca. 1970's-1980's].
- 33 Regimental sheet music. – [ca. 1940's]. – War calls, peace calls, for drum and bugle.
- 34 Map of main campus, CFB Wainwright. – [ ca. 1990]
- 35 Lecture, "Our colonels-in-chief" / LCol McIntosh. – 1995.
- 36 Three articles on the Victoria Cross. – [1919-ca. 1973]
- 37 Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association Constitution and Bylaws. – 2002-2003. – File also includes brochure and membership form for Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping, Calgary Chapter.
- 38 Museum of the Regiments info documents. – [ca. 2001] – Remembrance crosses information sheet; Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry gallery tour script (ages 8-17).

39 Pamphlet: Rendezvous 81 / Roman Jarymowycz. – Gagetown, NB : Canex, 1981. –  
Collection of cartoons.

Map  
cabinet

3/5 Portrait of R.F. Zubkowski in drum major's uniform. – [ca. 1990]

Archives

Main

Computer

Bob Zubkowski [digital image], 1PPCLI Rendezvous, 1983 April 15 to June 15. – [copied  
2013].

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