

PPCLI Fonds 12

James Arthur de Lalanne fonds. - 1916-2013. - 10 cm of textual records. - 2 photographs

James Arthur "Jimmy" de Lalanne, 1897-1988, was born in Montreal, Quebec. He was educated in the public schools of Montreal and at McGill University, where he was a member of the Canadian Officer Training Corps. In September 1915 he joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in the field as a private. In May 1916 he was commissioned and transferred to the 60th Battalion (Victoria Rifles of Canada). At the end of the Battle of Vimy Ridge he was the leader of the patrol that liberated the village of Vimy. During the war he was wounded three times and gassed three times. He was awarded the Military Cross with bar. Returning to civilian life, he completed his education at McGill and entered the profession of chartered accountant. He married Mildred Eakin, and they had a son, James. At the onset of the Second World War he returned to active duty. He served in various staff positions and retired in 1945 with the position of Vice Adjutant General and with the rank of Brigadier General. He was invested as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In civilian life he served in a number of significant positions at various times and received numerous honors. He was national president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; alderman and mayor of the City of Westmount, Quebec; and president of the Graduates' Society of McGill University. He served veterans' organizations as Grand President of the Royal Canadian Legion; Honorary Governor of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires; president of the Montreal United Services Institute; and president of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association.

The fonds consists of General de Lalanne's manual as an officer in the field (1916); a 1915-1917 history of the 60th Battalion (Victoria Rifles of Canada); personal correspondence (1946, 1970-1988); correspondence with the PPCLI Regimental Headquarters; correspondence with the PPCLI Association; correspondence with the PPCLI Association, Montreal Branch.

Other materials from General de Lalanne's collection including biographical information and records of his funeral are held in the PPCLI Association Collection, Collection 1, files 31(25.1 to 25.4)-3. Photos of him are located in the Individual Files.

The fonds consists of the following files (F-12 = Fonds 12)

- F-12-1 Portrait: de Lalanne. - Early 1915. – With note from Major C.B. MacKay
- F-12-2 Field service pocket book – Repr. with amendments. – London : HMSO, 1916.
- F-12-3 Nominal roll of dispersal draft no. 100. - 1919 (photocopied). – Officers transferred from Bramshott to Montreal, 1919.
- F-12-4 Portrait: de Lalanne / Y. Karsh. – [ca. 1960s].[02.56.46]
- F-12-5 60th Battalion : Victoria Rifles of Canada : 700 days. – [s.l. : s.n., ca. 1960s]. – History of the Battalion.

- F-12-6 Correspondence. – 1974-1976. – Includes nominal rolls of officers of 60th Battalion and 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion (Eastern Townships Regiment), photocopies of group portraits pictures of 5th.
- F-12-7 Correspondence – 1946-1988.
- F-12-8 Collected papers - 1970-1980. – Includes report on pilgrimage to battlefields and burial grounds, 1968.
- F-12-9 Inventory of papers of Charles Murray Cathcart, Canada, Jan.1845-May 1847. – [ca. 1950s]
- F-12-10 University companies - 1987-1988. – Nominal roll of surviving veterans.
- F-12-11 Correspondence PPCLI RHQ - 1984-1988.
- F-12-12 Correspondence PPCLI Association – 1953-1988.
- F-12-13 Correspondence PPCLI Association Montreal Branch - 1976-1986.
- F-12-14- Ledger sheets - Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund - 1958-1979.
- F-12-15 Newspaper articles – [1972], 1987.
- F-12-16 Ross, Evelyn : letter from de Lalanne, article, “World War I heroes of Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry”. – 1984, [ca. 2013]. [A2013.55]
- F-12-17 Funeral service program – Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne – August 17, 1988.
- F-12-18 RHQ file on honors, funeral arrangements for J.A. de Lalanne. - 1972-1988. – Extracted from RHQ file 5093-3, retired personnel

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