

## PPCLI Fonds 129

Ernest Charles Copp fonds. – [ca. 1950]-2004. – 2 cm of textual records. – 214 photographs.

Ernest Charles Copp joined the Canadian Army ca. 1949. He trained at Camp Borden, then joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) and trained to be a paratrooper at Camp Shilo. At the outset of the Korean War, the original battalion of PPCLI was designated the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. It rotated into the war zone from November 1951 to October 1952, relieving the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and preceding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Pte Copp was in a platoon of Pioneers, a trade which specialized in building engineering works and dismantling ordnance. By tradition, they were the only Infantry soldiers permitted to grow beards. After the war, Ernie Copp was a member of the Vancouver Island Branch of the PPCLI Association and the Korea Veterans Association of Canada. He was living in Langford, BC as of 2009.

The fonds consists predominantly of copies of photographs documenting Copp's experiences in parachute training, in the Korean War, and on leave in Japan. Includes a few original photographs; copies of caricatures; copies of North Korean propaganda leaflets; copies of Japanese handbills and business cards; a copy of a map of South Korea (ca. 1950); a copy of a guide to the United Nations Military Cemetery, Tanggok (Pusan), Korea [ca. 1952]; and a few newsclippings (2003). Includes pamphlets, envelope, and souvenir paper shopping bag collected during a veterans' tour of South Korea sponsored by the Korean Veterans Association, 2004.

Believed to have been donated by Ernie Copp, ca. 2004.

In the absence of a formal gift agreement, copyright is presumably held by Ernie Copp or his heirs.

### **Series 1      Photographs. – [1950-2002]. – 214 photographs.**

F-129-1      At sea. – [1951-1952]. – 26 photographs.

F-129-2      At sea : HMS Ceylon. – [1952]. – 5 photographs.

F-129-3      Camp Borden. – [1950]. – 6 photographs.

F-129-4      Caricatures. – [1951-1952]. – 3 photographs of pen drawings. – Individuals caricatured are Copp, White, Wadman, Gaskell, Campbell, Fawson.

F-129-5      En route to Korea? – [1951?]. – 3 photographs. – Includes snapshot of Copp, group portrait of 1PPCLI platoon in front of transport aircraft.

F-129-6      Japan. – [1951-1952]. – 15 photographs. – Images of stopovers and rest-and-recreation leaves in Japan. Includes photos taken in Pusan Airport, Hiroshima, Kure, and Sasebo. Includes images of Copp, Windsor, Ostiguy.

F-129-7      Korea : captioned (no names). – [1951-1952]. – 5 photographs. – Includes images of machine guns, booby trap, transporting ammo.



Ernie Copp F-129-9 (detail)

- F-129-8 Korea : individuals identified. – [1951-1952]. – 53 photographs. – Not all individuals are identified, some names may be misspelled. Includes images of No. 3 Section, Glenn Palmer, Travis, Fawsett or Fawett, Campbell, Korean house boy, Copp, Wademan, James “Cowboy” Mathews, Russel Piche, Gordon “Rip” Kirby, Alexander, Wilson, Gen. Rockingham, Jack Willis, CHico or CHaco, Bob White. Includes 3 original photos.
- F-129-9 Korea : individuals not identified. – [1951-1952]. – 41 photographs. – Some images are copies of F-129-8 above, some feature Copp but are not captioned. Includes 1 original photograph.
- F-129-10 Korea : landscapes. – [1951-1952]. – 10 photographs.
- F-129-11 Korea : trench warfare. – [1951-1952]. – 4 photographs. – Photos show construction of trenches and bunkers.
- F-129-12 Korea : visit of the Minister of National Defence. – [1951-1952]. – 2 photographs (1 image). – Photo shows dignitaries and PPCLI troops in a bunker at a Canadian outpost in winter. Includes (l to r) Ernie Copp, Windsor, Greg Zusinski, Hon. Brooke Claxton , Brig. Rockingham, Pte Herb Henwood, [Charles Ritchie, Canadian diplomat?], Cpl Rip Kirby. Identification based on identification of same image in album, C60-1.1, #19.
- F-129-13 Parachute training. – [1950-1951]. – 16 photographs. – Includes identified images of Ostiguy, Chow Kam.
- F-129-14 Post-war images. – [ca. 1954-2002]. – 3 photographs. – Includes 2 copies of war artists’ productions, 1 photo of the Canadian Monument at the United Nations Military Cemetery, Pusan.
- F-129-15 Digitized images. – [Scanned ca. 2010]. – Low-resolution copies of images. Files of scanned images are located in Fonds 129 in the Digital Fonds folder within the Born-Digital Records folder in the Archives Main Computer. Better-quality copies of most of the images can be located using this inventory.
- Series 2 Other records. – [ca. 1951-2004]. – 2 cm of textual records and other material.**
- F-129-16 Japanese handbills and business cards. – [Originally created ca. 1951-ca. 1952, scanned ca. 2004]. – 7 items.
- F-129-17 North Korean propaganda leaflets. – [Originally created ca. 1950-ca. 1952, scanned ca. 2004]. – 3 items.
- F-129-18 Map of South Korea. – [Originally created ca. 1950, scanned ca. 2004]. – 1 item.
- F-129-19 United Nations Military Cemetery, Tanggok, Korea. – [Originally created ca. 1951, scanned ca. 2004]. – 1 item.
- F-129-20 Newsclippings. – 2003. – 3 items. – Concerning commemoration of Korean War.
- F-129-21 Ephemera from Korea Veterans Association of Canada visit to South Korea. – 2003-2004. – 8 items.

Envelope for Ernest Charles Copp

Pamphlet: Welcome to Korea : itinerary for Korean War veterans from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. – Seoul : Korean Veterans Association, 2004.

Postcard: Canada remembers the Korean War. – [Ottawa] : Veterans Affairs Canada, [ca. 2003].

Pamphlet: Ceremony of dedication “Monument to Canadian Fallen”. – Ottawa : Canadian Heritage, 2003.

Brochure: DMZ. – Seoul : Mercury Travel Co. Ltd., [ca. 2004].

Pamphlet: United Nations Military Cemetery in Korea. – [Pusan : the Cemetery, ca. 2004].

Pamphlet: The spirit of the nation. – [Seoul ] : National Memorial Board, [ca. 2004].

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Ephemera from Korea Veterans Association of Canada visit to South Korea. – 2004. – 1 oversize item.

Shopping bag: the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. – [ca. 2004].

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