

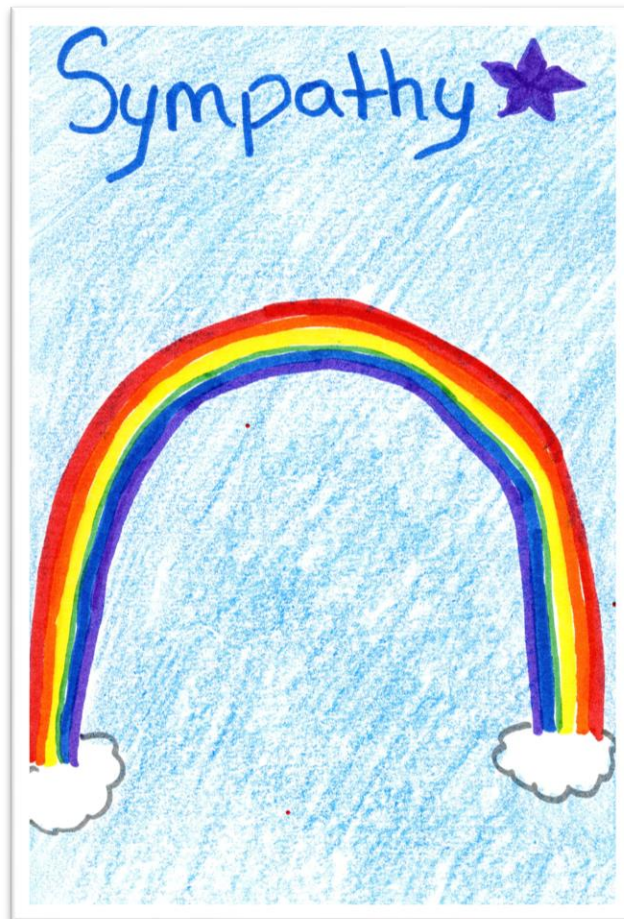
PPCLI Collection 93

Friendly fire incident (2002) collection. - 2001-2005. – 2.0 m of textual records and other material.

The Tarnak Farm incident, more familiarly known in Canada as "the friendly fire incident", occurred on April 17, 2002 near Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Apollo. The 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group (3PPCLIBG) was conducting night-time anti-tank and machine gun firing exercises, which were mistaken for enemy fire by U.S. Air National Guard fighter jet pilots. The pilots attacked, killing Canadian soldiers Marc Leger, Ainsworth Dyer, Richard Green, and Nathan Smith, and injuring at least eight others. They were the first Canadian casualties of the Afghanistan War, and the incident generated a massive public response.

Collected by PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives, and transferred from Regimental Headquarters, 2PPCLI Headquarters, and 3PPCLI Headquarters, 2002-2019.

The collection consists of news clippings; printouts of online news stories; TV news clips; a scrapbook of news clippings; many messages of condolence received by PPCLI in the form of email messages, condolence books, letters, and sympathy cards; eulogies of the deceased soldiers; and the contents of an album of photographs and memorabilia from Marley Leger's visit to Bosnia.



Sympathy card created by a student at St Agnes School. Springfield, Ill. (F-93-2-32)

The collection consists of the following files:

Box 1

- F-93-1-1 Newspaper articles. – 2002 Apr.-May. – Articles from the Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun, National Post, Globe and Mail
- F-93-1-2 Afghanistan news items collected from RHQ. – 2002 Apr.-May. – Articles from the Edmonton Journal, the Edmonton Sun and Department of National Defence publication The Maple Leaf.
- F-93-1-3 News coverage of friendly fire incident / CTV News. – 2002. – 1 video cassette, 1 DVD [03.52.08]
- F-93-1-4 Online news stories of friendly fire incident. – 2002 Apr.-Sept.
- F-93-1-5 Board of Inquiry terms of reference. – 2002. Apr.
- F-93-1-6 Memorials for fallen comrades during Afghanistan war: Sgt. M. Leger, Cpl. A. Dyer, Pte. R. Green, Pte. N. Smith. – April-May 2002.
- F-93-1-7 Afghanistan memorial of PPCLI Hall of Honour. – 18 Sept. 2002. – 25 images (6 photographs, 1 CD). [03.53.04]
- F-93-1-8 Eulogies for Leger, Dyer, Green, Smith. – 2002.
- F-93-1-9 Biographical sketches with photographs, Cpl Ainsworth Dyer and Pte Richard Green. - [2002]. [A2019.045.034]
- F-93-1-10 Book Inscription / Design 2000, Hull, QC. – [ca. 2002]. [A2019.045.006]
- F-93-1-11 Laid to rest but not forgotten. – [2002]. – Jewellery box containing 4 toy soldiers and 4 small prints representing Léger, Dyer, Smith, and Green, creator unidentified. [A2019.045.027]
- F-93-1-12 4 news clippings and 1 photograph from a framed memorial to Cpl Ainsworth Dyer. – [2002]. [2019.045.033]

Box 2

- F-93-2-13 3PPCLI memorial ceremony Edmonton Alberta- pages from photo album. – 2002 April 23. [A2019.045.007].
- F-93-2-14 Album of Marley Leger's visit to Bosnia. – 2003. - Items removed from album for conservation reasons. – Includes CD (390 images). [03.53.05]

- F-93-2-15 Post-Op Apollo news articles on the friendly fire incident. – 2005.
- F-93-2-16 PPCLI on line guest book includes condolences for 2002. – 2001 Oct . 20-2002 Apr. 18.
- F-93-2-17 Condolence E-mails. – 2002-April 18.
- F-93-2- 8 Email and fax messages of condolences. – 2002 April 18-30. [A2019.045.032]
- F-93-2-18a Email and fax messages of condolences. – 2002 April 18-30 (continued) [A2019.045.032]
- F-93-2-19 Email condolences. – 2002 April 19.
- F-93-2-20 Email condolences. – 2002 April 20-21.

Box 3

- F-93-2-21 Email condolences. – 2002 April 22-30.
- F-93-2-22 Book of condolences [Royal Canadian Legion] Branch 211, Cold Lake, Alta. – 2002. Apr. 20 -27. [A2019.045.024]
- F-93-2-23 Book of condolences, St. Hilda Junior High School, Edmonton. – 2002 Apr. 22. [A2019.045.013]
- F-93-2-24 Canadian Armed Forces Book of Condolences, Ottawa area. – 2001 Apr. 20-29. [2019.045.010]
- F-93-2-25 Canadian Armed Forces Book of Condolences, Ottawa area. – 2001 Apr. 20-29 (continued) [2019.045.010]

Box 4

- F-93-2-26 Book of condolences, St. Albert, Alta. – 2002 Apr. [A2019.045.012]
- F-93-2- 27 Book of condolences, 19 Wing Comox, Lazo, BC. – 2002 May. – With covering letter. [A2019.045.031]
- F-93-2-28 Book of condolences, Maritime Forces Atlantic. – 2002 May 28. [A 2019.045. 009]
- F-93-2-28a Book of condolences, Maritime Forces Atlantic. – 2002 May 28. – With covering letter. [A 2019.045. 009]
- F-93-2-29 Book of condolences, Leaf Rapids National Exhibition Center, Man. – 2002 May 16. – With covering letter. [A2019.045.030]
- F-93-2-30 Book of condolences, Prince Andrew High School Key Club, Dartmouth, N.S.. – 2002 May 19. – With covering letter. [A2019. 045.019]

- F-93-2-31 Condolence letters from children, St. Joseph School, Springfield, Ill. – 2002 May. [A2019.045.005].
- F-93-2-32 Sympathy cards from students St. Agnes School, Springfield Ill. – 2002 May. [A2019.045.029]
- F-93-2-33 Letters of condolence. – 2002 Apr.-June. – Mostly from military personnel, veterans. [A2019.145.001]
- F-93-2-34 Book of condolences and letter, Veterans Affairs Canada, Prairie region. – 2002 June. [A2019.045.021]

Box 5

- F-93-2-35 Book of condolences to 3 PPCLI / from Canadian Forces Northern Area and the people of Yellowknife – 2002 May. – With accompanying letters. [A2019.045.008].
- F-93-2-36 Book of condolences, Columneetza Secondary School, Williams Lake B.C. – 2002 May. [A2019.045.028].
- F-93-2-37 Book of condolence, Protestant and Catholic chapel congregations, Uplands site, Ottawa. – 2002 May. [A2019.045.025].
- F-93-2-38 Sympathy card from Grade 3 Michigan student Chase Churchill, Vernon, Michigan. – [2002]. [A2019.045.007].
- F-93-2-39 Condolence emails and article on American trust fund for bereaved Canadian families . – 2002 May 2-5.
- F-93-2-40 Book of condolences, Town of Gibbons, Alta. – 2002 May. [A2019.045.011]
- F-93-2-41 Book of condolences, employees of Veterans Affairs Canada. – [2002]. [A2019.045.023]
- F-93-2-42 Book of condolences, Castledowns Baptist Church, Edmonton. – [2002]. [A2019.095.002]
- F-93-2-43 Book of condolences, Thunder Bay Military Family Resource Centre. – [2002]. [A2019.045.020].

Box 6

- F-93-2-44 Our condolences from members of 746 (Calgary) Comm. Sqn. – [2002]. [A2019.045.019].
- F-93-2-45 Book of condolences, Town of Morinville, Alta. – [2002]. [A2019.045.015].
- F-93-2-46 Unused condolence book: Friends Forever / handmade by MCpl Renay Groves. – [2002]. [A2019.045.002]

F-93-2-47 Unused condolence book: A Friend is a gift / handmade by MCpl Renay Groves. – [2002]. [A2018.045.003]

F-93-2-48 Unused condolence book: A good friend is hard to find, hard to lose, and impossible to forget / handmade by MCpl Renay Groves. – [2002]. [A2019.045.004]

Box 7

F-93-2-49 April 17th: in the name of Canada: in memory of the Canadians killed in Afghanistan by American friendly fire 17 April 2002 / by Joseph E.M. Green. – [Edmonton: J. Green, 2004]. – 2 v. in slipcase. – Consists predominantly of messages of condolence. – Set no. 00001 presented to 3PPCLI RHQ, autographed by J. Green, Hon. John McCallum, and Hon. Lois E. Hole. [A2014.34 (Collections 2013.164)]

Oversize items

F-93-2-50
at Shelf N.3.2 Fallen heroes [scrapbook]. – 2002 Apr 18-May 1. – Contains clippings from National Post, Globe and Mail, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Sun. [A 2015.048.1]

C-230-1.1
At Shelf J.1.6 3 books of condolences in handmade box / 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, 17 Wing Winnipeg, Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. – [2002]. [A2019.045.016]

C230.2.1
At Shelf J.1.6 Large black scrapbook: Never forget : April 18, 2002, Afghanistan / prepared by Janice Winton, Admin Asst to Bde Comd. – 2002. – A collection of newsclippings and letters of condolence. Collected in Edmonton for 1Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. [A2019.045.019]

C30.2.2
At Shelf J.1.6 Oversize folder, collection of sympathy cards from individuals in Canada and the United States. – [2002]. [A2019.045.026].

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