

PPCLI Collection 93

Friendly fire incident (2002) collection. - 2002-2005. – 75 cm 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, 2002-2015.

The collection consists of newsclippings, printouts of online news stories, TV news clips, a scrapbook of newsclippings from Manitoba newspapers, messages of condolence received by PPCLI, a two-volume book of condolences compiled by Joseph E.M. Green, eulogies of the deceased soldiers, and the contents of an album of photographs and memorabilia from Marley Leger's visit to Bosnia.

The collection consists of the following files:

- F-93-1-1 Newspaper clippings specific to Canadian casualties In Afghanistan. – April-May 2002.
- F-93-1-2 Post-Op Apollo news articles on the friendly fire incident. – 2005.
- F-93-1-3 Afghanistan news items collected from RHQ. – April-May 2002.
- F-93-1-4 News coverage of friendly fire incident / CTV News. – 2002. – 1 video cassette, 1 DVD [03.52.08]
- F-93-1-5 Online news stories of friendly fire incident. – 2002.
- F-93-1-6 Board of Inquiry terms of reference. – April 2002.
- F-93-1-7 Memorials for fallen comrades during Afghanistan war: Sgt. M. Leger, Cpl. A. Dyer, Pte. R. Green, Pte. N. Smith. – April-May 2002.
- F-93-1-8 Afghanistan memorial of PPCLI Hall of Honour. – 18 Sept. 2002. – 25 images (6 photographs, 1 CD). [03.53.04]
- F-93-1-9 Eulogies for Leger, Dyer, Green, Smith. – 2002.
- F-93-1-10 Album of Marley Leger's visit to Bosnia. – 2003. - Items removed from album for conservation reasons. – Includes CD (390 images). [03.53.05]
- F-93-2-1 Condolences. – 18 April 2002.

- F-93- 2-2 Condolences. – 19 April 2002.
- F-93-2-3 Condolences. – 20-21 April 2002.
- F-93-2-4 Condolences. – 22-23 April 2002.
- F-93-2-5 Condolences. – 24-30 April 2002.
- F-93-2-6 Condolences. – May 2002.
- F-93-2-7 Condolences guest book . – 2002.
- F-93-3-1 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, Hon. Lois E. Hole. [A2014.34 (2013.164)]
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- F-93 oversize Fallen heroes [scrapbook]. – 2002. – Clippings from National Post, Globe and Mail, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Sun. [A 2015.048.1]

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