

## PPCLI Fonds 114

James Henry Horton fonds. – 1926-1992. – 12 cm of textual records. - 54 photographs. - 8 maps

James Henry Horton, known as "Jim" or "Harry", was born in Edmonton, Alberta on 4 August, 1909. He completed 10 years of schooling in Edmonton, and worked at a variety of occupations in Edmonton and Winnipeg, including carpenter's helper, draftsman, and salesman. He joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in Winnipeg in September 1939 and deployed to England. He was promoted to Corporal in 1940 and was part of a Pioneer platoon, developing expertise in dismantling ordnance. Leaving PPCLI in September 1942, he attended officer training school in Gordon Head, Victoria, BC. Commissioned in January 1943, he worked as an instructor in Canada and England. In September 1943 he married Betty Crow of Dorking, England. He rejoined PPCLI in Italy as a Captain in July 1944. He was awarded a U.S. decoration, the Bronze Star, for dismantling mines while under fire; and the Commander-in-Chief's Citation for outstanding service in North West Europe. After the war, Jim and Betty settled in Edmonton, where Jim operated Horton's Old Books, a second-hand and antiquarian bookstore. They had at least two daughters, including Patricia Horton Webb. Jim died on 5 February, 1998.

The fonds includes Jim Horton's passport (1926); his service records and souvenirs (1939-1945); correspondence regarding his Bronze Star (1946); correspondence regarding his release and Reserve service (1945-1969); maps (ca. 1940-ca. 1944); photographs (1939-1959); newsclippings reflecting his association with PPCLI (1940-1966); and newsclippings about his bookstore (1966, 1992).



F-114-21-1 Jim and Betty Horton wedding portrait, 11 September, 1943

The fonds consists of the following files (F = fonds):

- F-114-1 Passport, immigration card. – 1926. – Includes photo. [2010 accessions]
- F-114-2 Soldier's service and pay book (2 items). – 1939-1942. [08.04.47(a-b)]
- F-114-3 Officer's record of service. – 1939-1944. [08.04.48]
- F-114-4 Greetings from King George. – 1939 Dec. 17. [03.04.52]
- F-114-5 Military will. – 1939-1940. [03.04.71]
- F-114-6 Travel, food ration passes. – 1942. [03.04.55]
- F-114-7 Certificate of officer training and commission. – 1943 Jan. 16. Apr. 1. [03.04.67(f, w)]
- F-114-8 Permission to marry. – 1943 Sept. 7. [03.04.56]
- F-114-9 Driving permit. – 1944 Feb. 8. [03.04.60]
- F-114-10 Travel orders. – 1944 Apr. 4. [03.04.57]
- F-114-11 Movement orders. – 1944 Apr. 25. [03.04.58]
- F-114-12 Messages from officers (Montgomery, Alexander, Crerar). – 1945 Feb.-Mar. [03.04(.61, .64a, .64b)]
- F-114-13 Inventory of kit and permit to travel. – 1945 Apr.-May. [ 03.049(.65, .66)]
- F-114-14 Service records (photocopies). – 1939-1964. – Includes résumé of pre-military career. [03.04.68]
- F-114-15 Decorations and honours. – 1946, [ca. 1950s]. [03.04.02, 03.04.67(o, x), 03.04.69e]
- F-114-16 Correspondence re Bronze Star award. – 1946. [03.04.69]
- F-114-17 Correspondence re release and Reserve service. – 1945-1969. [03.04.67]
- F-114-18 Small notebook. – [ca. 1943-ca. 1945]. – Includes list of names of platoon, addresses, birthdays, etc. [03.04.49]
- F-114-19 National savings stamps (U.K.). – [ca. 1943]. [2010 accessions]
- F-114-20 Photos. – 1939-1959. – Includes images of P. Keenie, J.H. Kelly, Jim Horton, Ed Ragot, Don Iverach (1939), Jim Horton with two other soldiers, London (ca. 1940-ca. 1942), officer cadets (ca. 1942), Jim "Harry" Horton (1942), PPCLI trooping (1959). [03.04.73]
- F-114-21 Photos. – [ca. 1940-ca. 1945]. – Portraits of Jim Horton (ca. 1940, ca. 1943), Jim and Betty Horton (wedding, September 11, 1943). [2010 accessions]
- F-114-22 Photos loaned for scanning in 2010. – 1939-1946. – Includes images of Jim "Harry" Horton, P. Keenie, J.H. Kelly, Ed Ragot, Don Iverach, South Godstone (Surrey, England),

Bill Carmichael, Tommy Holland, Oxted (Surrey, England), Lt. Forrest, Spooky (dog), Nutfield (Surrey, England), Bletchingly (Surrey, England), Cassocks (Surrey, England), Bud Chapin.

- F-114-23 Counsel and comfort for soldiers and sailors on active service. – London : Scripture Gift Mission and Naval and Military Bible Society, [1914 or 1915]. [03.04.47c]
- F-114-24 Troop's Mess, S.S. Orama [menus]. – 1939 Dec. [03.04(.50, .51)]
- F-114-25 Canadian geographic journal. – Vol. 23, no. 1 (July 1941). – Includes a photo featuring Horton on p. 19. [03.04.46]
- F-114-26 Maps. – [ca. 1939-ca. 1945]. – Includes: Star recognition / by Francis Chichester. – London : Allen & Unwin, 1943. – 3 maps, 1 booklet in cloth envelope. – Other maps, of Italy, Netherlands, and Great Britain, have been transferred to the map collection at M70(121-127)-2 in map cabinet 9/1. [03.04(.38-.45)]
- F-114-27 Luncheon menu. – 1944 May 11. [03.04.59]
- F-114-28 Tourist guide to Florence, opera programs. – 1945. [03.04(.62, .63)]
- F-114-29 Service of thanksgiving for world peace ; VJ Day service of thanksgiving. – 1945, [ca. 1946]. [2010 accessions]
- F-114-30 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association [Edmonton Branch newsletter]. – 1947 Apr.-May. [03.04.70]
- F-114-31 Weekend magazine. – Vol. 14, no. 52 (Dec. 26, 1964). – Features article about PPCLI, p. 14-17. [03.04.76]
- F-114-32 Inventories, tickets to PPCLI ceremonies. – 1964-1966. [03.04.75]
- F-114-33 Programs, PPCLI ceremonies. – 1958-1964. [03.04.74]
- F-114-34 Newsclippings about PPCLI and Jim Horton. – 1940-1966. [03.04.72]
- F-114-35 Newsclippings about Jim Horton's bookstore. – 1966, 1992. [2010 accessions]

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