

Fonds 64

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Regimental Guard. Statue Project fonds. – 1988-1992. – 25 cm of textual records. – 83 photographs.

In 1988, Leslie Gault, nephew of BGen Hamilton Gault, the founder of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), approached the Regiment with the idea of erecting a heroic-size bronze statue of his uncle in the Parliamentary precinct of Ottawa. The Regimental Guard, at its meeting of 19 March, 1989, agreed that the project was a worthy one, and committed to its realization. A sculptor, Don Begg, was commissioned, and fundraising initiatives were undertaken. The project was coordinated by Col. J.D. Joly, and later by Col. G.A.P. Lachapelle. The statue was unveiled on May 9, 1992 at Confederation Square near the National War Memorial. Additional castings of it were erected at the Museum of the Regiments (later known as The Military Museums) in Calgary; PPCLI Battle School at CFB Wainwright, Alberta; and at the Frezenberg Memorial near Ypres, Belgium. The project was considered completed on October 19, 1992 when its records were transferred to the Regimental Museum and Archives.

The fonds consists of correspondence and reports, which mostly had been arranged chronologically into five binders; photographs; and brochures and programs.

The records of the project were transferred by Col. G.A.P. Lachapelle, 19 October 1992, and by PPCLI Regimental Headquarters.



Sculptor Don Begg with plaster maquette of Gault statue, F-64-13

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- F-64-1 Regimental Guard Statue Project. – 1988 Aug.-1990 July
- F-64-2 Regimental Guard Statue Project. – 1990 June-1991 Apr.
- F-64-3 Regimental Guard Statue Project. – 1989- Aug.-1991 Aug.
- F-64-4 Regimental Guard Statue Project. – 1991 May-1991 Dec.
- F-64-5 Regimental Guard Statue Project. – 1991 Dec.-1992 Mar.
- F-64-6 Regimental Guard Statue Project : photographs. – 1992 May
- F-64-7 Regimental Guard Statue Project : correspondence. – 1992 Apr.
- F-64-8 Regimental Guard Statue Project : correspondence. – 1992 Jan.-Mar.
- F-64-9 Regimental Guard Statue Project : correspondence. – 1992 May-Oct.
- F-64-10 Regimental Guard Statue Project : project synopsis. – [ca. 1989]
- F-64-11 Regimental Guard Statue Project : foundation requests and replies. – 1989-1990
- F-64-12 Regimental Guard Statue Project : correspondence of Col. J.D. Joly. – 1990-1991
- F-64-13 The making of the A.H. Gault statue. – 1989. – 22 photos taken at Don Begg's Studio West, Cochrane, AB
- F-64-14 Proposed panels to be mounted on base of statue. – [ca. 1989].
- F-64-15 Statue and plaque at PPCLI Battle School, CFB Wainwright. – [1990]. – 7 photos.
- F-64-16 Maquette of statue. – 1990. – Brochure and drafts, certificate of authenticity, 3 photos.
- F-64-17 Photos of statue at Museum of the Regiments, Calgary. – [ca. 1990]

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