

## PPCLI FONDS 111

George Fraser Smith fonds. - 1950 – 2004. - 1.0 m of textual records. - 288 photographs

George Fraser "Smitty" Smith was born in Montreal in 1920. From 1939 to 1945 he served in the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, which saw action in Sicily, Italy, and Northwest Europe with the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade. In 1950 he joined the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) and saw action in Korea. He continued to serve with 2PPCLI in West Germany and in Canada. In the 1960s he transferred to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and in 1970 he retired from the Canadian Armed Forces. In retirement he was active in the Korea Veterans Association of Canada and the PPCLI Association. He volunteered in the PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives. He was married to Audrey Smith, and they had 3 children, Bob, Ken, and Heather. He died in Calgary in 2004.

The fonds consists of photographs documenting George Smith's military career, most of them from the Korean War (1950-1953); a scrapbook documenting his post-1950 military career, including 2PPCLI newsletters (1950-1957), newsclippings (1951-1982), programs for ceremonial events, autographs, North Korean propaganda, Japanese currency, and materials from PPCLI veterans' reunions (1964, 1976); a card autographed by veterans of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment; 17 scrapbooks of newsclippings of military news and opinion, mostly from Calgary newspapers (1963-1996); and one file of loose newsclippings (1995-1996).

Donated by George Fraser Smith, ca. 1994-ca. 1996.

The scrapbooks are attributed to Smith on the basis of the accession record for item F-111-17, and the contents of item F-111-10.



"Smitty" Smith (r) and comrades, Ginza Beer Hall, Tokyo, ca. 1952. PPCLI Archives F-111-2-1

The fonds consists of the following files (F-111 means Fonds 111):

- F-111-1 Biographical information. – 2004. – Obituary, funeral program, photo of gravesite.
- F-111-2 Photos and memorabilia. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1983]. – 13 photos of military and recreational activities, card signed by old comrades of Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment.
- F-111-3 Korea album. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1952]. – 18 photos of soldiers, recreation, Koreans. – Photos removed from album for conservation reasons. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-4 Korea album. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1952]. – 19 photos of soldiers, mostly in recreational activities. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-5 Korea album. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1952]. – 47 photos of soldiers, operations, Korean or Japanese city, Korean landscape. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-6 Korea album. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1952]. – 73 photos of soldiers in camp, with vehicles, in Korean setting. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-7 Korea album. – [ca. 1950-ca. 1952]. – 52 photos of operations in Korea, Korean landscape. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-8 Korea album : post-Korea. – [ca. 1953-ca. 1965]. – 34 photos of recreational activities in Hemer, Germany, groups of soldiers. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-9 Korea album : Germany. – [ca. 1953-ca. 1955]. – 31 photos of recreational activities in Hemer, Germany, French Grey Cup athletic contests. [TEMP-20.0]
- F-111-10 Scrapbook of PPCLI memorabilia. – 1950-1981. – Includes Vox Pat (2PPCLI newsletter), shipboard newsletters, other newsletters, programs, newsclippings, tourist pamphlets, North Korean and Chinese propaganda leaflets, currency, and beer bottle labels. [TEMP-25.0]
- F-111-11 In Flanders Fields. – 1963-1985. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including veterans' rights, Canadian Airborne controversy, peacekeeping, fighter jets procurement, repatriation of Sarcee land, military housing, women in the Armed Forces, Canadian Armed Forces unification, Cyprus. [TEMP-21.0]
- F-111-12 Yanks seize Grenada. – 1982-1986. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including Falklands War, attack on Korean airliner (Flight 007), Lebanon Civil War, Grenada invasion. Cruise Missile tests, Air India explosion, Gander air disaster, space shuttle Challenger. [TEMP-26.0]

- F-111-13 Military miscellaneous. – 1987-1993. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including proposed military base near Longview, Alberta, women in the Armed forces, Gulf War, Sarajevo. [TEMP-28.0]
- F-111-14 Remembrance Day. – 1987-1991. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on Remembrance Day. [TEMP-40.0]
- F-111-15 Iraq. – 1990-1991. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the Gulf War. [TEMP-24.0]
- F-111-16 Iraq. – 1991. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the Gulf War. [TEMP-22.0]
- F-111-17 Somalia, Bosnia. – 1992-1994. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the wars in Somalia and the former Yugoslavia. [TEMP-23.0][94.52.1.J]
- F-111-18 Miscellaneous. – 1993-1995. – scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including Canadian Forces Base closures, the Yugoslav Wars, Remembrance Day, PPCLI Band, C-130 Hercules crash, court-martial of Col. Romeo Lalonde for sexual assault. – Enclosed in the volume is a list of topics covered. [TEMP-33.0]
- F-111-19 Former Yugoslavia SITREP 1994. – 1994-1995. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the Yugoslav Wars. [TEMP-26.1]
- F-111-20 Current issues. – 1994-1995. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including disbanding of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, court-martial of Maj Ross Wickware for drinking while on duty, Remembrance Day. [TEMP-17.0]
- F-111-21 Closures. – [ca. 1995]. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on military topics including closure of CFB Calgary and other Armed Forces cutbacks, death of PPCLI Colonel of the Regiment G.G. Brown. [TEMP-39.0]
- F-111-22 D-Day. – [1994]. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the D-Day commemoration, controversy over wearing of turbans in Canadian Legion. [TEMP-32.0]
- F-111-23 Peacekeepers. – [ ca. 1994]. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on Canadian Forces in the former Yugoslavia and Somalia. [TEMP-29.0]
- F-111-24 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory Day. – [1995]. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-E Day. [TEMP-30.0]
- F-111-25 U.N. – 1995 May 28-1996 Feb 23. – Scrapbook of newsclippings on the Yugoslav Wars and other military topics. [TEMP-31.0]
- F-111-26 Loose newsclippings. – 1995-1996. – Newsclippings on various current military topics. [TEMP-30.1]

