

## PPCLI Fonds 19

John Henry Richardson fonds. – 1939-2009. – 26 cm of textual records and other material.

John Henry Richardson, DCM, CD, was born in Victoria, BC on April 30, 1927 and died in Calgary, Alberta on December 26, 2008. His service number was SK12487. Chief Warrant Officer Richardson served in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Canada, Korea, continental Europe and Cyprus from May 16, 1945 to January 20, 1973, retiring as a Regimental Sergeant Major. John served in the RCMP for eight years as a Special Constable. He subsequently worked with the Alberta Forestry Service. John was a member of the PPCLI Association, Korea Veterans Association, RCMP Veterans Association, and the Royal Canadian Legion. He served as a paratrooper and jump instructor, was wounded in Korea in October 1952 and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He also served as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Canadian contingent in Cyprus in 1971 and was active in the PPCLI Association until his passing. He returned to Korea in 1983 and again in 1997, and supported efforts to have the government honour Korean veterans through memorials. John was survived by his sister Dr. Mary H. Richardson of Thunder Bay, ON.

The fonds was donated to the PPCLI Regimental Museum in 2010 by John R. Burns, the executor of Richardson's estate, and was transferred to the Archives in 2014.

The John Henry Richardson fonds covers two distinct periods, his military service and his activities with veterans' tributes and Korea pilgrimages after his service. He kept extensive news clippings for the time of his service in Korea and through the 1950s, as well as numerous well-labeled photographs from this period. He also kept key service files that provide an outline of his career progression including courses taken and qualifications earned, as well as dates of service. CWO Richardson collected a number of records from Korean pilgrimages in the 1980s and 1990s and veterans' reunions. He also kept articles and stories concerning his military peers. The fonds also includes a scrapbook/diary possibly kept by a family member documenting the early years of the Second World War.

Other materials by or about John Henry Richardson are in Collection 1 at the PPCLI Archives.

**Series 1. World War II diary.** – 1939-1940. – 1 cm of textual records. – This series consists of one item, a diary/scrapbook that was maintained, possibly by Richardson's mother Helen Richardson, to record the political events of the early years of the Second World War.

F-19-1 Diary and clippings about the Second World War. – 1939-1940. - Authorship uncertain, but handwriting resembles that of Helen Richardson (see readdressed envelope in file F-19-14).

**Series 2. Military service.** – 1939-1983. – 15 cm of textual records and other material. – CWO Richardson kept extensive news clippings for the time of his service in Korea and through the 1950s, as well as numerous well-labeled photographs from this period. He also kept key service files that provide an outline of his career progression including courses taken and qualifications earned, as well as dates of service. Items of note include telegrams notifying his mother of his being wounded, newsclippings on the DCM award, and original letters from his time in hospital.

- F-19-2 Service records. - 1944-1973. - The file consists of JH Richardson's COTC instructions [1944], enlistment instructions, enlistment certificate, enlistment newsclipping, pass (1946), photograph (1947), Pay Books (1945-1969), Unit Employment Record (1945-1972), poem, medical and vaccination records, stretcher bearer qualification certificate, Teruko (Tetsuko) Kurokawa (wife) citizenship certificate, letter congratulating on a good parade from LCol Hewson, discharge certificate.
- F-19-2A Appointment to Chief Warrant Officer (1970), Certificate of Service (1973). – See 2014 oversized accessions, file A2014.99.02
- F-19-3 Distinguished Conduct Medal. - 1952. - The file consists of official letter notifying of JH Richardson of award of DCM, list of PPCLI recipients of valour awards (1951-1954), 10 clippings noting the award of the medal. Some clippings note the award of the DCM to RG Buxton.
- F-19-4 Photos, 1940s – 1946-1948. – The file includes photos of 1st Battalion Special Air Service Pl 1948, photos of BAJ Franklin, Dick Buxton, Richard Buxton, Lt Jerry Lynch, Smokey Parson, Pte John Fossett, Pte Mulholland, Pte Franklin, Pte Cunningham. Group photos include: Ptes Anderson, Church, Kynock, Purdon, Lambert, Lynch, Burton, Lodge, Bell, Tremblay, L/Cpl Crane, Cpl Osadiuk, Athur, Cpl Hill, LCpl Whyte, Pte harding, Cpl Scoular, Cpl Robinson, Pte Treadwell, LCpl Isherwood, LCpl Niven, Cpl Hoskin, Cpl Clayton, Cpl Mitges, Sgt MacGregor, Sgt Caesar, Sgt Borkofsky, Sgt Ghostkeeper, Sgt Hayes, Cpl Magee, Cpl Buxton, Lt Gunton, Lt Harry Moncreif, Lt Matheson, Lt Potts, Maj Holmes, Capt Henry, Lt Marchessault, Lt Angus, Lt Eyres (instructors of Para Trg Section, Joint Air School, Rivers, Manitoba Oct 48 - May 49. Other Group photos include Pte AR Mitchell, Pte Rutherford, Pte White, Pte MacDonald, Cpl Buxton, Pte Darnell, Pte Sinclair, Pte Langdeas, Pte Franklin, Pte Richardson (Wing Parade March 1948). Cpl Blackwell, Pte Darnell, Berkeley Franklin, Harding, Rutherford, Albert, Clark, Mitchell, W.B. White, Richardson (PPCLI Stick July 1948). Canadian Infantry Training Centre A-16 PPCLI members: Lt Torleif Berger, Lt Robert Graham, Lt Arthur Kemsley, Lt Jerry Kelly, Lt Harry Moncrief, Lt William Sutherland, Sgt Cooper, Sgt Harris, Sgt Muz Kozack, Pte Reg Anderson, Pte John Biwert, Pte Leonard Cameron, Pte Bob Coulter, Pte Albert DeLeeuw, Pte John Fossett, Pte Berkeley Franklin, Pte Gene Findlay, Pte Ron Hughs, Pte William Jackson, Pte Walt Jordan, Pte Robert Lekivetz, Pte Joe Langdeau, Pte IR Millar, Pte Parker, Pte Adam Polnuk, Pte Mike Popp, Pte Prochaska, Pte John Richardson, Pte Wesley Schaure, Pte Douglas Thurn.
- F-19-5 Letters, clippings, late 1940s - 1946-1949. - The file includes Richardson's letters to his mother; clippings on troopings, move of PPCLI to Currie Barracks, airborne training.
- F-19-6 Part II Orders. - 1949-1950. - Announcements of promotions, etc., mentions Richardson.
- F-19-7 Exercise Eagle. – 1949. - Ration menu, clippings.
- F-19-8 Exercise Sweetbriar. - 1950. - The file contains clippings; stick list 15 April 1950; Ex Sweetbriar pamphlet; "enemy propaganda" leaflets dropped during the exercise.

Includes clipping photos of: Cpl A Woods, Sgt J Thompson, Pte RE Fieury, Cpl CH Lock, Lt A Potts, Capt C Bowlsky, Cpl A Brown, L/Cpl C Gibson, Pte LG Morrison, Pte DD Jones

- F-19-9 Clippings. - 1950. - The file consists of miscellaneous clippings related to military training, exercises, ceremonies, Winnipeg flood relief. Including one clipping on injury of Pte Risley, injured in parachute drop.
- F-19-10 Clippings, Korea. - 1951-1953. – The file includes a group photo of 1PPCLI members receiving decorations: LCol JR Cameron, 2Lt WC Robertson, CSM PA Lynch, Cpl VR Pippus, Cpl RG Reading, Pte RL Woods, L/Cpl EP Inkaman; article on RSM James Wood being killed in action; article on Pte D Morgan wounded in action; article 'Action at 'Tombstone'' featuring Sgt RA Prentice. Includes front page story about battle in which JH Richardson was wounded and earned DCM.
- F-19-11 Clippings, Korea. - 1951-1952. – Includes clippings on Richardson being wounded in action; Sgt RG Buxton DCM ; Cpl DP Hastings missing in action.
- F-19-12 Photos, Korean War. – 1951-1954. - Includes: Apr 1951 series: Dick Buxton, Sgt White, "Blondie" Lock, Jim Preston; postcard to mother with illustration of USNS Marine Adder 24 Oct. 1951; Feb 1952 series: Cpl Ruttan, Pte Lammers, Sgt Buxton, Sgt Richardson, Lt Richards, Lt RA Ostiguy, Pte Venasse, Capt Dudley, PPCLI Hockey Team, "Imjin Gardens" hockey rink, Cpl Logan, west and southwest views from 10 Pl position; Kihl (houseboy, Apr 1952); Sgt RG Buxton & Sgt Richardson in Ginza Beer Hall, May 1952; Sgt John Richardson and his mother (ca. Jan 1953); 81 mm mortar course, Hara Maru, Japan, 5-10 Oct 1953 including Sgt Richardson, Cpl Lortie, Cpl Russell, Sgt Caldwell, Sgt Collings, Cpl Dalzell, Cpl Kuno, Sgt Leblond; Oct 1953 series: Saijo Road (Kure, Japan); Louie (pet monkey, Hara Mura, Japan), Exercise Hilltop (A Coy., from Spectator Ridge, Japan); Takasago Hotel, Beppu, Kyushu, 1954.
- F- 9-13 Letters to Richardson's mother. – 1951-1952. – The file consists of 4 letters from JH Richardson to his mother, Mrs. GH Richardson, and one letter from "Duke" Stone to Mrs. Richardson
- F-19-14 Stories on Korean War wounds : letters, clippings describing action where Richardson was wounded. - 1952. - The file includes letters written by JH Richardson to his mother, and official telegrams from Army describing his wounding in Oct 1952. Numerous clippings from papers recounting the action. Includes birth announcement and photo from Helen May (his sister?).
- F-19-15 Souvenirs, Korea. - 1951-1952. – Chinese and North Korean propaganda, American propaganda directed at Chinese and North Koreans, certificate of crossing the International Date Line.
- F-19-16 Photos. – 1954-1971. – The file consists of photographs, mostly unidentified. Includes Kapyong Day, 1969; LCol Hutchinson and Capt Cole at mess dinner, 10 Nov 1970; Dundurn, 1971; Trooping the Colour ceremony at Currie Barracks; group portrait of

RQMS Johnson and CSMs Johnston, Carlson, Klokeid, Lochrie, Fudge, Folster, and Hearn; group portrait of Richardson, Johnson, Squires, Murray, and three others in Cyprus.

- F-19-17 Clippings. - 1951-1956. – Consists mostly of clippings about troopings, Owen Gardner. Includes 1 photograph of Trooping at Fort MacLeod, Germany, 1956.
- F-19-18 Clippings. - 1953-1957. – The file consists of newspaper clippings featuring troopings; recruiting ads featuring Sgt RG Buxton, RSM Owen Gardner, Sgt. Prentice, Sgt. Elliot, CSM Lynch.
- F-19-19 Training photos, trooping photos. – 1948-[ca. 1960]. – Includes Part 1 Orders, S.A.S. Company, 31 May 1956. Includes newsclipping featuring Drum Major WE Wyman. Includes group portrait featuring CSMs Carriere, Devlin, RQMS Smith, CSM Roberts, RSM Austin, LCol Cameron, QMSI Lynch, CFMs Clifton, Larson, McMahan, QMS Quaintance, S/Sgts Shaw, RE Buxton, Mackie, Appleton, Sgt Danyleyko, S/Sgts Mack, Frolek, King, Sgts Franklin, Crawford. Includes group portrait of Small Arms Wing, School of Infantry (U.K.), PW 171 (NCOs) Course, 1956, including Sgt J. Richardson
- F-19-20 Photos of rugby, Cyprus, RSM Buxton funeral, etc. - [ca. 1968-ca. 1972]. – Includes group portrait of CSMs Murray, Carlson, Klokeid, Johnston, Johnston, Richardson, Squires. Includes 2 photos of Buxton funeral. Includes group portrait of rugby clinic, Fort MacLeod, Germany, 1968. Includes press photo of Sgt Sterling MacAuley, Pte Robert Lyons, and Sgt Frank Brignall. Includes Sgt Richardson. Includes press photos of Cpl Terry Hartley and Pte B. Wannamaker in softball game, and LCol WE Hutchinson and chaplains Ron Sutton and Tom Easset at Frezenberg commemoration. Includes photo featuring RSM R Cassidy. Includes photo of Hamilton Gault Trophy parade, September 1970. Includes group portrait of HQ Coy, 1PPCLI, March 1972. Includes newsclipping about 1PPCLI Trooping the Colour parade, May 1972.
- F-19-21 Letters. - 1977. – Letter from Capt JW Miles re a photo; copy of letter from Lady Patricia Brabourne on the retirement of Gen. Cameron Ware as Colonel of the Regiment.
- F-19-22 Trooping programs and pamphlets. - 1939-1983. - The file consists of programs and pamphlets related to Trooping the Colour and other ceremonies. Includes related newsclippings. Includes compilation of information on PPCLI (ca. 1964).
- F-19-23 Manuals, courses. - [ca.1946]-1967. – Includes PPCLI recruit books (ca. 1947, 1957); sub-machine gun manual (1955); regimental dress instruction (1963); 4 Platoon memoires : Fort Beausejour Wing : Junior NCO Course, 2/67.
- Series 2. Post-military service.** – 1951-2009. – 9 cm of textual records and other material. – CWO Richardson collected a number of records and photos from Korean pilgrimages in the 80s and 90s and veterans’ reunions. Most photos are unlabeled. He also kept articles and scrapbooks/copied stories concerning his military peers. Additional materials cover RSM Richard George Buxton, Jack LaChance, and Bob Coulter. Includes his will and information about his funeral service.

- F-19-24 Korea Veterans Association of Canada. - 1983-1998. – The file consists of pamphlets, letters, and photos of Korea Veterans Association of Canada events and concerns. Includes many photos from a 1983 reunion trip to Korea.
- F-19-25 Certificates, memberships, honours. - 1951-2000. – The file includes Kapyong Battle Honour, Royal Canadian Legion, Korean Veterans Association, Korea Veterans Association of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada 125 certificate, Nature Conservatory of Canada, Republic of Korea.
- F-19-26 Letters. - 1985-1997. – The file contains letters and cards from friends, a researcher, the Regiment.
- F-19-27 Clippings. - 1945, 1994-1999. – The file contains various news clippings, includes Cameron Ware obituary.
- F-19-28 Bob Coulter. - 1992-1996. - The file contains photocopies of articles on Bob Coulter, PPCLI veteran from Korea. Includes obituaries, low-resolution photos of his funeral.
- F-19-29 Charlie Byce. - 2006. – The file consists of an email message containing a news story about Charlie Byce, a much-decorated Aboriginal soldier.
- F-19-30 Jack LaChance. – 1996. – The file consists of poems and a memoire titled 'The Wall' written by Jack LaChance reflecting on Korea and the Korea Veterans Wall of Remembrance.
- F-19-31 Buxton family. - 1952-[ca. 1973]. – The file contains newsclippings about the Buxton family: Cpl. David, RSM Richard George, Sgt. Frank. Includes information focused on RG Buxton compiled by BAJ Franklin.
- F-19-32 Exercise Ric-A-Dam-Doo. - 1993. – The file consists of an information package. Includes Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association Newsletter, [1993].
- F-19-33 Gallantry Medallists' League. - 1996. - The file consists of the League's Newsletter and revised Rules.
- F-19-34 Request for a military funeral for Richardson, will. - 2008-2009. - The file consists of a request for a military funeral from the Regimental Major of PPCLI, with an attached copy of Richardson's will and statement of military service. [A2015.083]
- F- 19-35 Funeral program. - 2009.

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