

Lake Superior Regiment fonds

1914-1961

97 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Lake Superior Regiment began as a militia unit during the 1885 Riel rebellion in the Northwest under the name the 96th District of Algoma Battalion of Rifles. It was struck from the active list in 1896, but was revived in 1905 as the 96th Lake Superior Regiment. The regiment contributed troops to C.E.F. battalions, including the 52nd, which fought overseas during WWI and won great honours. The 96th was reorganized in July 1921, as the Lake Superior Regiment, or the L.S.R. for short. The L.S.R. was mobilized during WWII on June 1, 1940 and left for training at Camp Borden on October 10, 1940. It became a motorized infantry in 1942 and part of the 4th Canadian Armoured Brigade. The L.S.R. reached England in 1943 (September) and engaged in combat in 1944. Following the war the L.S.R. was reorganized into the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment and still exists as such today. --[MORE INFORMATION](#)--

Scope and Content

The Lake Superior Regiment fonds is a collection of records, a diary, correspondence, research files, newspapers, and files regarding the activities of the Regiment through the first and second World Wars.

Series L 2/1/1. - War diary (photocopy). - 15 cm. - 1940-1945

The war diary of the L.S.R. noting place, date and a summary of events and information regarding the activities of the Regiment. Kept from the first day of mobilization, June 2, 1940. Arranged chronologically in annual files.

Series L 2/2/1-17. - Nominal rolls, casualty rolls, honours and awards books, conduct sheets, hospital books, book of fines, registers of recruits, correspondence. - 46 cm. - ca.1914-1919.

1) Nominal Rolls: 96th L.S.R. giving data of enlistment, promotion, certificates, and data of discharge of soldiers. Arranged alphabetically, 200 pages, last entry seems to have been made in 1919.

2) Nominal Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion listing soldiers names, numbers, company, and relevant details such as transfers and whether wounded or killed. Arranged alphabetically. All entries were made in 1916.

3) Nominal Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, 1 June 1917 listing names, numbers, companies, and remarks about soldiers. arranged alphabetically.

4) Nominal Roll: of the 96th L.S.R. including officers and members who transferred from the 96th Regiment to overseas battalions during WWI. 4 Aug. 1914-29 Apr. 1916, Sept. 1916.

5) Nominal Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion. Arranged alphabetically. Date unknown, WWI.

6) Casualty Roll: 96th L.S.R., Jan. 1915 to Nov. 1916 including the "Head of the Great Lakes" Guard.

7) Casualty Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, 16 Jan. 1918 including also honours and awards. 190 folios.

8) Honours and Awards Book: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, 4 May 1916-2 Jan. 1919. Lists rank and name of soldier, action for which award was recommended, and decision regarding award. Indexed at back alphabetically, and arranged chronologically.

- 9) Honours and Awards: 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade of which the 52nd Battalion formed a part. July to Oct. 1918. Loose sheets (in two envelopes).
- 10) Conduct Sheets: 96th L.S.R. listing offences and punishments for soldiers, 1915-1916.
- 11) Conduct sheets: 96th L.S.R., "Head of the Great Lakes" Guard. 1915-1916.
- 12) Regiment Order Book: 96th L.S.R. giving daily accounts of orders given by the Commander, 12 Apr. 1912-11 May 1916. Three folios, loose in one envelope, June 1913.
- 13) Record of Officers Services: 96th L.S.R. militia, gives particulars of the lives and careers of various officers, up to WWI.
- 14) Hospital Book: Probably 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, dated 1 Mar. 1917-1919, giving names, dates of admittance, and particulars about the wounded and sick.
- 15) Book of Fines, forfeits and stoppages: 96th L.S.R., 1916. Gives names and amounts paid for various offences and requirements. Also includes a short honour roll and attendance record for L.S.R. Band.
- 16) Register of Recruits: 96th L.S.R. WWI, giving particulars about those recruited for overseas service. (6 folios).
- 17) Correspondence: Aug. 1932, from S.W. Ray regarding the history and formation of the 96th L.S.R. (3 leaves); description of Battle of Amiens, 1918, author unknown (4 leaves).

Series L 2/3/1-11. - Orders, honours and awards, nominal rolls, casualty lists, correspondence, and miscellaneous records. - 15 cm. - ca.1920-1948

- 1) Regiment Orders, June to Dec. 1945.
- 2) Honours and Awards, 1944-1945, letters, lists and descriptions of actions.
- 3) Record of Officers' Services, L.S.R., 2nd Battalion, June 1940- July 1946. Gives particulars about officers and their careers.
- 4) List of casualties, L.S.R. (M) 1944-1945.
- 5) Attestation cards, 30, 2nd Battalion, L.S.R., 1942-1945.
- 6) Nominal rolls: L.S.R., arranged alphabetically, 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 7) Nominal rolls: L.S.R. (M), August 1945, compiled for purposes of writing regimental history. Includes post war mailing lists.
- 8) Nominal Roll: L.S.R., compiled ca.1942 showing names, designations, and transferrals of soldiers. Also includes strength increase details, July to Aug. 1942.
- 9) Correspondence regarding Battle honours and colours for L.S.R., 1928; award to Lt. V.E. Poulin, 1948; Commanding Officers monthly letter No.3 to 1st Battalion L.S.R. (M), June to July 1945; Victory Loan parade organization, Fort William, 1941.
- 10) Miscellaneous- L.S.R. bandmaster's attendance book.
- 11) Record of Officers Services, L.S.R., giving details of lives and careers of officers ca.1920-1948.

Series L 2/4/1. - Correspondence and research files. - 5cm. - 1945-1956

- 1) Correspondence regarding attempts to organize the writing of the history of the L.S.R., 1945-1946.
- 2) Correspondence with G.F.G. Stanley regarding the writing of the history of the L.S.R., 1955-1956.
- 3) Correspondence regarding the raising of funds for the publication of regimental history, 1945.
- 4) Research notes regarding L.S.R. history including a brief outline by Lt. Col. E.J.O. Gravelle.
- 5) Appendixes regarding honours and awards and casualties, L.S.R., WWI and WWII.

Series L 2/5/1. - Newspaper. - 6 cm. - 1945-1949

Multiple copies of the *Fifty Forum*, the publication of the L.S.R.(M) and letter from Hap Oldale

recounting the origins of the *Fifty Forum*.

Series L 2/6/1-5. - Miscellaneous records. - 10 cm. - 1944-1961

- 1) Correspondence relating to the regimental colours, flashes, crests, and patches, 1944-1945, 3 envelopes.
- 2) Publication files, press releases, correspondence regarding Princess Elizabeth's and the Duke of Edinburgh's visit, 1951; Captain J. Greaves' files, 1964; news releases on armouries and local reserves, 1943; correspondence relating to deaths of George V and VI, 1936, 1952.
- 3) Historical Reports of the L.S.R., 1949-1952.
- 4) Area Orders, L.S.S.R., 1961.
- 5) Scrapbook, L.S.R. history-newspaper clippings

Notes

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