

Lake Superior Regiment Fonds

Originals and one photocopy, 97 cm, 1914-61.

Scope and Content:

The Lake Superior Regiment records 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, 15 cm, 1940-45 (photocopy).

A 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: Records, 46 cm, c.1914-19 (original).

- 1) Nominal Rolls: 96th LSR 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, June 1, 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. August 4, 1914 to April 20, 1916, September 1916.
- 5) Nominal Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion. Arranged alphabetically. Date unknown, WWI.
- 6) Casualty Roll: 96th L.S.R., January 1915 to November 1916 including the "Head of the Great Lakes" Guard.
- 7) Casualty Roll: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, January 16, 1918 including also honours and awards. 190 folios.
- 8) Honours and Awards Book: 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, May 4, 1916-January 2, 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 October 1918. Loose sheets (in two envelopes).
- 10) Conduct Sheets: 96th L.S.R. listing offences and punishments for soldiers, 1915-16.
- 11) Conduct sheets: 96th L.S.R., "Head of the Great Lakes" Guard. 1915-16.
- 12) Regiment Order Book: 96th L.S.R. giving daily accounts of orders given by the Commander, April 12, 1912 to May 11, 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 March 1, 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: August 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: Records, 15 cm, c.1920-1948 (original).

1) Regiment Orders, June to December 1945.

2) Honours and Awards, 1944-45, letters, lists and descriptions of actions.

3) Record of Officers' Services, L.S.R., 2nd Battalion, June 1940 to July 1946. Gives particulars about officers and their careers.

4) List of casualties, L.S.R. (M) 1944-45.

5) Attestation cards, 30, 2nd Battalion, L.S.R., 1942-45.

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 c.1942 showing names, designations, and transferrals of soldiers. Also includes strength increase details, July to August 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 c.1920-1948.

12) Two ledgers of Officers' Services

-Record of Officers' Services, 1st Battalion LSR (July 1925 to 6 June 1940)

-Record of Officers' Services, 1st Battalion LSR(M) 6 June 1940 to 26 Jan. 1946 (Second World War Active Force Battalion)

Series L 2/4/1: Correspondence and Research files, 5cm, 1945-56 (original).

1) Correspondence regarding attempts to organize the writing of the history of the L.S.R., 1945-46.

2) Correspondence with G.F.G. Stanley regarding the writing of the history of the L.S.R., 1955-56.

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, 1945-49 (original).

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, 1944-61 (original).

- 1) Correspondence relating to the regimental colours, flashes, crests, and patches, 1944-45, 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., 1949-52.
- 4) Area Orders, L.S.S.R., 1961.
- 5) Scrapbook, L.S.R. history-newspaper clippings

Series L 2/7/1-4: Minutes, correspondence, planning documents, 13 cm, 1964-72 (original)

- 1) Four files dealing with the planning of the 1965 LSR(M) reunion, May 22-23, at the Lakehead. Includes a correspondence file (1964-65) with replies to invitations and other letters; several lists of names used by the planners; monthly bulletins produced by the LSR(M) Association; and a collection of telegrams.
- 2) Four files detailing the planning of the May 19-21, 1972 LSR(M) reunion at the Port Arthur Armouries. Included correspondence, lists of names for invitations, programs, site maps, registration lists, budget documents, and thank-you letters and cards.
- 3) One file of minutes of the LSR(M) Association for 2 Nov. 1964 to 31 May, 1965.
- 4) One correspondence file dating from 1966-1967 concerning various bodies – Royal Canadian Legion, LSR, politicians, etc. – writing on behalf of ex-Sgt. Reginald Bullough (and later his widow) to Veterans' Affairs and the Canadian Pension Commission in the hope of getting a medical pension for Mr. Bullough and a widow's pension for his wife.

Series L 2/8/1: Misc., 2 cm (1944 (original)

One file containing a 1944 report on damage to a CPR passenger car ridden in by some LSR members. Also includes a 28 Nov. 1953 LSR(M) newsletter and a bulletin for the first LSR(M) national reunion in Port Arthur.

Series L 2/9/1: Correspondence, 1 cm, 1923 (original)

One file dated 1923 of correspondence concerning the dispensing of money from the officers' fund to the former members of the 96th Regiment or their widows after the 9th was disbanded.

Biographical Sketch:

The Lake Superior Regiment began as a result of the 1885 rebellion in the Northwest and was called the 96th Rifle Militia which died in 1896, and was revived in 1905 as the 96th Regiment. The Lake Superior Regiment "Contributed troops to C.E.F. battalions, including the 52nd, which fought overseas during WWI. The 96th Militia 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 Division. 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.

Additional Information:

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