

University of Victoria Special Collections

Adam, John S., b. 1908

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Title

John S. Adam fonds

Dates

1945-1980

Extent

8 cm of textual records
21 photographs

Biographical Sketch

John Adam was born in Victoria in 1908. Before enlisting for active service with the 1st Battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment during World War Two, Adam was a teacher at Sir James Douglas and George Jay Schools. He began his military career as a Private in 1926 and was commissioned in 1928. During the War, Adam was decorated with the OBE, CED, and the Netherlands Award, Commander of the Orange. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Adam served as Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General of the 1st Canadian Division in 1944. Additionally, he served as director of education and officer in charge of relief and rehabilitation for the 1st Canadian army in Holland. He was not active with the militia after the war until his promotion to Brigadier and appointment as Officer Commanding the 25 Militia Group of Vancouver Island on the 16 of March 1955. He served in this position until his retirement from active military service in 1959.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of photographs, booklets, pamphlets, and invitations collected by Brigadier Adam. It also includes ephemera from World War Two, as well as Brigadier Adam's fonds of newspaper clippings, Christmas cards, and correspondence during his term as Officer Commanding of the 25 Militia Group.

Finding Aids

Inventory available with series and file level control.

Title Source

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Military Collections
Brigadier John S. Adam: An Inventory of Personal Records
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File Lists

Series I. Correspondence. -- 1955 - 1957

Series I. File List

Box. File

22.1 Correspondence. -- 1955 - 1957.

4 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of correspondence received by Brigadier Adam.

The title is based upon file content.

Series II. Ephemera. -- 1945 - 1980

4 centimetres of textual records.

The series consists of 4 files of ephemera collected by Brigadier Adam. It includes ephemera from World War Two, as well as programs, invitations, and Christmas cards collected by Adam while he was Officer Commanding of the 25 Militia Group.

The files are arranged chronologically from 1945 to 1980.

The title is based upon inventory content.

Series II. File List

Box. File

22.2 Ephemera. -- c. 1945

2 leaves of textual records and 1 booklet.

The file consists of a Japanese postcard, souvenir currency ("5 Pesos" from the Japanese Government), and the Vanity Fair Club Membership Card and Rules.

The title is based upon file content.

22.3 Invitations. -- 1955 - 1958.

32 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of invitations collected by Brigadier Adam while he was Officer Commanding.

The title is based upon file content.

22.4 Christmas Cards. -- 1955 - 1958.

7 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of Christmas cards collected by Brigadier Adam while he was Officer Commanding.

The title is based upon file content.

22.5 Programs. -- 1955 - 1980.

22 booklets.

The file consists of programs of events collected by Brigadier Adam.

The title is based upon file content.

Series III. Newspaper Clippings. -- 1955 - 1959

Series III. File List

Box. File

22.6 Newspaper Clippings. -- 1955 - 1959.

57 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of newspaper clippings collected by Brigadier Adam while he was Officer Commanding.

The title is based upon file content.

Series IV. Photographs. -- 1955 - 1959

Series IV. File List

Box. File

22.7 Photographs. -- 1955 - 1959.

16 photographs.

The file consists of photographs of Brigadier Adam while he was Officer Commanding the 25 Militia Group.

The title is based upon file content.

Series V. Regimental Song

Series V. File List

Box. File

22.8 Regimental Song and Lyrics.

3 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of a hand-written copy of a Regimental song.

The title is based upon file content.

Series VI. Royal Visit. -- 1955

Series VI. File List

Box. File

22.9 Royal Visit. -- 29 September - 25 October 1955.

160 pages of textual records.

The file consists of a condensed itinerary of the visit of Her Royal Majesty, The Princess Royal.

The title is based upon file content.

Series VII. Scrapbook. -- 1955 - 1959

Series VII. File List

Box. File.

22.10 Scrapbook. -- 1955 - 1959.

.5 centimetres of textual records and 5 photographs.

The file consists of a scrapbook kept by Brigadier Adam. It includes photographs, newspaper clippings, and programs from his term as Officer Commanding.

The title is based upon file content.