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Canadian Army Western Command fonds. – 60 cm of textual records (3 boxes). – 1949-1969.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of files regarding the administration of the Canadian Army's Western Command during the 1950s and 1960s. Includes files on the Joint Services, the Joint Planning Committee, administration, conferences and meetings, the defence of ports, defences in general, military aid to civil power, collaboration with the United States, mobilization planning, emergency defence plans and military intelligence. Arranged in numerical order by the Central Registry file number.

Administrative History

Commands were introduced on January 23, 1946 replacing the existing system of military districts. Western Command, in British Columbia, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, included Military Districts 11 and 13. On January 1, 1947 MD11 became the British Columbia Area, part of Western Command and when MD13 ceased to exist, it was absorbed by Western Command.

Classification

Confidential and Secret files are stored in Box 4.

Associated Records

Associated records can be found in Library and Archives Canada. The title is "Western Command" and the reference number is R112-400-7-E (formerly RG 24-C-23-9).

Related Records

Related records can be found in the Kardex Collection and in the Document Collection under "Western Command".

File List

Box	File #	Title and Description	Dates	Security
4	1331-1 Vol. 1	<p>Interservice & Joint Service – Joint Planning Committee – General Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memoranda, minutes to meetings, memorandum of agreement, messages and other documents <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Convoy Control Plan for West Coast • Alaskan Command Logistical Support Plan 	15 Jun 1950 – 11 Oct 1951	Confidential
4	1331-1 Vol. 2	<p>Conferences & Meetings – Interservice & Joint Service – Generally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, memoranda, agenda, minutes to meetings and other documents. <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast Defences – West Coast • Draft ALCANUS [Alaska, Canada, United States] – EDP [Emergency Defence Plan] - 51 	2 Aug 1950 – 25 Feb 1952	Confidential
1	1331-1 Vol. 3	<p>General & Administration – Conferences & Meetings – Interservice & Joint Service – Generally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, minutes to meetings, memoranda and other documents <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command and Control Canadian Coast Artillery (Provisional) • Report of a Special Sub-Committee Joint Services Committee (Pacific) Established to Determine the Most Suitable Location for the Joint Operations Centre 	19 Mar 1952 – 24 Oct 1955	Unclassified
4	1331-2 Vol. 1	<p>Interservice & Joint Service – Joint Planning Committee – Minutes of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes to meetings, appendices and other documents <p>Includes the following document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaskan Command Logistical Support Plan 	29 May 1950 – 17 Jul 1950	Confidential
1	1331-2 Vol. 2	<p>General & Administration – Minutes of Meetings – Joint Planning Committee [2 Files]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes to meetings, agenda, correspondence, messages and reports 	23 Jan 1951 – 10 Dec 1954	Unclassified
1	1331-4 Vol. 1	<p>Interservice & Joint Service – Joint Planning Committee – Defence of Ports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages, memoranda, correspondence, policy statements and other documents <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Appreciation of the Defence of Vancouver • Pacific Coast Defence of Ports Emergency 	14 Oct 1948 – 21 Dec 1950	Unclassified

Box	File #	Title and Description	Dates	Security
		Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-installation of Coast Defences on the Pacific Coast 		
2	1331-4 Vol. 2	Interservice & Joint Service – Joint Planning Committee – Defence of Ports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, minutes to meetings and other documents Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast Defences – West Coast • Combined RCN-RCAF Report on Operation Seagreen • Phase “C” Section II [Exercise Seagreen] 	21 Dec 1950 – 13 Sep 1951	Unclassified
2	1750-2	Reports & Returns – GOC’s [General Officer Commanding] Quarterly Report to the CGS [Chief of the General Staff] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports, memoranda, quarterly reports and messages 	26 Apr 1953 – 23 Dec 1965	Unclassified
2	2010-1 Vol. 5	Organization & Administration – Aid to Civil Power – Generally [2 Files] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, reports, operation instructions, messages, and other documents Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Emergency Plans Operation “Beaver” and Operation “Overflow” • Western Command Operation Instruction No 59/1 Duties in Aid of the Civil Power “Exercise Antelope” • Plan for Reactivation of Strike-Bound Shipping Western Canada • Operation Canada Goose • Alberta area Operation Instruction No 61/6 Aid to the Civil Power “Operation Antelope” 	15 Jul 1960 – 30 Aug 1961	Unclassified
2	2010-1 Vol. 6	Organization & Administration – Aid to Civil Power – Generally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages, operation instructions and correspondence. Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Area Operation Instruction 61/8 • Saskatchewan Area Operation Instructions • Saskatchewan Area Operation 64/6 Aid of the Civil Power “Operation Antelope” 	1 Aug 1964 – 26 Oct 1965	Unclassified
2	2105-1 Vol. 1	Organization – Defences – Generally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, memoranda and other documents Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Army Defence Plan • Western Command Regional Defence Contingency Plan Provisional 1960 	2 Jan 1959 – 5 Jul 1962	Unclassified

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		<p>Employment of 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Command Regional Defence Contingency Plan Provisional Employment of 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group and Western Hemisphere Reserve 		
4	2111-91/A4 Vol. 7	<p>Defence – Collaboration with USA – West Command – 6th US Army Alaska – Emergency Defence Plan (ALCANUS [Alaska, Canada, United States])</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence, reports and Exercise Operation Plan “Lost Weekend IV” 	17 May 1954	Confidential
4	2111-91/A4 Vol. 9	<p>Collaboration – 6 US Army – Canada – Alaska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memoranda, messages, reports, agendas and other documents. <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation of civilians from Alaska Involving Canadian Participation Report of the ALCANUS Commanders' Conference 24-27 May 1955 	2 Dec 1954 – 8 Jul 1955	Confidential
4	2111-91/A4-1	<p>Defences – Collaboration with USA – ALCANUS – Intelligence – Organization & Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memoranda, reports, correspondence and other documents <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALCANUS Intelligence Plan: Examination by the Joint Intelligence Committee 	25 Sep 1952 – 16 Sep 1953	Confidential
2	2131-1 TD 1/68	<p>Camp Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence, operation instructions and memoranda <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Operation Instruction No. 2 ! RCHA [Royal Canadian Horse Artillery] Operation Instruction No 4 Action in Event of Civil Disorder 4 CIBG [Canadian Infantry Brigade Group] Security of Fort Anne Contingency Plan Operation Instructions 	5 Apr 1968 – 6 Nov 1969	Unclassified
2	2135-91/K1 Vol. 1	<p>Organization – Employment & Movement – Exercise “KIKI” – Employment of Mobile Striking Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence, memoranda, messages and other documents 	8 Oct 1949 – 4 Aug 1951	Unclassified
4	2190-1 TD 355 Vol. 1	<p>Atomic Arty [Artillery] SP [Storage Program]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence, messages, minutes to meetings, memoranda <p>Includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security of Special Ammunition Storage Sites 	11 Jan 1960 – 10 Nov 1960	Secret

Box	File #	Title and Description	Dates	Security
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Arrangements for US Custodia Detachment and Guarding of Hemer SAS Sites • Logistical Support for Atomic Delivery Units – Northern Army Group 		
2	2262-1 Vol. 1	Mobilization Planning – Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, signals situation reports, messages and other documents Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilization Scale of Teletype and Tape Relay Equipment for Static Use in Canada 	15 Oct 1948 – 11 Jan 1952	Unclassified
2	2262-1 Vol. 2	Mobilization Planning – Communications [2 Files] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, plans and other documents Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signal Plan – Long term Requirements Western Command • Army Communications – BC Area Long Term Plan 	23 May 1953 – 25 Mar 1958	Unclassified
3	2270-1	Mobilization Planning – Defences – Coast & AA [Anti-Aircraft] – USI & AA Defence Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages and other documents Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Anti-Aircraft Operations Room Layout 	May 1949 – 7 Sep 1951	Unclassified
4	2343-1 Vol. 1	Mobilization Planning – Vital Points [2 files] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memoranda, draft chapters, correspondence, messages, and RCMP Civil Security Reports Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Command War Book Chapter 7 Protection of Key/Vital Points 	9 Aug 1950 – 9 Dec 1965	Confidential
3	2390-1 Vol. 1	Operations – General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, memoranda, reports and other documents Includes the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 CIBG [Canadian Infantry Brigade Group] Operation Instructions No. 1 • 4 CIBG Operation Instructions No. 2 	29 Jul 1958 – 6 Oct 1961	Unclassified
3	2390	War Games EDP [Emergency Defence Plan] 67 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages, correspondence, and document transit and receipts 	Sep 1967 – 9 May 1968	Unclassified
3	2390-1 Vol. 3	Operations – EDP [Emergency Defence Plan]-64 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, messages, record of operational decisions, minutes to meetings and other documents Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 CIBG [Canadian Infantry Brigade Group] 	4 Apr 1963 – 29 Sep 1964	Unclassified

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		OO [Operation Order] No. 4 (EDP 63)		
4	2390-1 Vol. 6	Operations- EDP [Emergency Defence Plan] – General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages, memoranda, correspondence and other documents. Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (BR [British]) Corps Tactical Doctrine • 1 (BR [British]) Corps tactical Doctrine 1968 	1 Feb – 18 Nov 1968	Confidential
3	2390-7 Vol. 1	Operations – Arty [Artillery] Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, memoranda and other documents 	29 Dec 1961 – 13 Jan 1964	Unclassified
2	3066-1	Reports & Returns – Annual Status of Forces Returns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, quarterly returns, reports, messages and other documents 	7 Jul 1959 – 9 Feb 1965	Unclassified
2	9184-1	Intelligence – Subversive Activities – Possibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, memoranda and security arrangements military installations reports Includes the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Arrangements of Military Installations within Western Command 	1 Aug 1950 – 13 Nov 1951	Unclassified
4		Security Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes list of security clearances, padlock combinations, safe combinations, code buzzes and security standing orders 	1966	Confidential