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OTTER, William Dillon (1841-1929). Army Officer.

Originals, 1885, 1900, 1917. 6 cm. Photocopies, 1880-1900. 32 pages. Microfilm, 1850-1929. 4 reels, M-1671 to M-1674. Finding Aid No. 705.

William Dillon Otter was born near Goderich, Ontario, on 3 December 1841. He entered the service of the Canada Company, his father's employer, as a clerk at the age of 15, and joined a company of Volunteer Militia at Toronto in 1861 as a private man. He was commissioned in December, 1864, and served with the Niagara frontier patrol through the winter of 1864-1865. He fought at Ridgeway, 2 June 1866, as Adjutant of the recently-organized Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and eventually took command of that regiment while pursuing a career in the Canada Company and an active social life as a noted oarsman and lacrosse player. In 1883 he finally secured a Permanent Militia commission after years of applications to Ottawa, and was able to leave the employ of the Canada Company.

In 1885 Otter commanded the Battleford Column of Major General Sir Fred Middleton's North West Field Force, and he won national fame for the first time by fighting the Battle of Cut Knife Creek and capturing Poundmaker. On his return to Ontario that fall, he assumed command of the Infantry School Corps at Toronto, Canada's first permanent-force infantry unit. He worked in various militia staff appointments until October 1899, when he took command of Canada's first Contingent for service in South Africa, where victory at the Battle of Paardeburg, 27 February 1900, brought Otter to Imperial notice. He and his troops were lionized in London on their way home, and in Canada on their arrival, in November and December 1900.

After the war, Otter became the first native-born Brigadier of Canadian militia, and the first Canadian Major General, in a series of staff positions culminating in his appointment as Chief of General Staff at Ottawa in 1908, and as Inspector General of Canadian Militia in 1910. In 1912 he retired briefly, but as war broke out in 1914 he was appointed Director of Internment Operations, which office he held until 1918 when he retired permanently in the rank of full General.

General Sir William Dillon Otter was created a Companion of the Order of the Bath in 1902, a Companion of the Victorian Order in 1908, and a Knight Commander in the Military Division of the Order of the Bath in 1913. The University of Toronto granted him the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, in 1922. He was the author of the immensely popular soldiers' handbook, The Guide, first published in 1880 at Toronto, which ran to eleven editions by 1914, and he died at Toronto in May, 1929.

Originals and photocopies presented in 1969 and 1983 by Desmond Morton of Toronto, Ontario. The microfilm was prepared in 1969 from originals, loaned by L.C.P. Morton of Lachine, P.Q.

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Correspondence, 1870-1925. Microfilm, reels M-1671 - M-1672 (Files I-VIII); Photocopies, 32 pages.

Letters on family business from relatives, congratulatory messages from personages connected to the Crown, a large body of military letters, especially from the General Officer Commanding Canadian Militia and his staff, and from various Adjutants General (especially Colonels Walker Powell and Hubert Foster), letters from Major General Sir Fred Middleton in the field during the North West Rebellion, and Otter's letters to his wife from South Africa.

Notebooks and Diaries, 1885-1925. Microfilm, reels M-1672 - M-1673 (Files IX-XII).

A diary by an unknown officer of the Queen's Own Rifles, describing the North West Rebellion, and diaries, notebooks and cash accounts kept by Otter covering his career from the departure of the Queen's Own for the North West Territories to his investments with Sir Henry Pellatt in Toronto and his life in retirement.

Memoirs, 1891-1918. Microfilm, reels M-1673 - M-1674 (File XIII).

Reminiscences, notes, criticism and memorabilia, by Otter and others, of military actions from 1775 to 1918, including the Fenian Raid of 1866 and the South African War in particular.

Memorabilia, /1850/-1861. Microfilm, reel -1674 (File XIV).

Souvenirs of the high points of Otter's career, and a few family items.

Correspondence of Alfred Otter, 1860-1865. Microfilm, reel M-1674 (File XV).

Letters to his brother-in-law, Alexander Trotter, solicitor of London, his employer, Frederick Widder of the Canada Company, and his sisters Baroness Belper and Jaqueline Trotter, mostly about his deteriorating fortunes.

Press File, 1900-1929. Microfilm, reel M-1674 (File XVI).

Feature stories from Toronto newspapers, The Sailor, and the Canadian Defence Quarterly, describing Otter's career in detail, with photographs and drawings.

Office of Internment Operations Stationery, 1917. Originals, 3 cm.

Samples of stationery and lists of serialized forms sent by Otter in 1917 to Brigadier General Cruikshank of the Department of Militia, who was then making an archival survey.

Addresses, 1885, 1900. Originals, 3 cm.

From the city of Toronto to Otter on his assumption of the command of the Infantry School Corps, signed by over 600 of Ontario's leading citizenry, and from the mayor and curé of Rimouski to Otter on the return of the First Contingent from South Africa in December, 1900. The latter was presented in 1983.

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AYLMER, Colonel the Rt. Hon. Matthew	III	27 Oct. 1885
"	VII	30 June 1902

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BADEN-POWELL, Lieutenant General Sir Robert Stephenson Smyth	VIII	8 June 1913
BARKER, Lieutenant Colonel R.K.	V	20 Mar. 1900
BEADLE, J.P.	VII	16 Nov. 1904
BELL, Major W.R.	III	12 Apr. 1885
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BELPER, Amelia Harriet "Emily" (Otter) <u>Strutt</u> , Baroness	I	29 July 1873
"	II	July 1883
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"	II	23 July 1883
"	II	27 July 1883
"	II	18 Oct. 1883
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BELPER, Henry <u>Strutt</u> , 2nd Baron Belper of	II	18 Oct. 1883
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BORDEN, Sir Frederick William	V	2 June 1900
"	VII	2 Jan. 1904
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CARON, Sir J.P.R. Adolphe	II	28 Oct. 1882
"	II	19 Dec. 1882
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CASTLE, A.M.	IV	27 Dec. 1899
CHAMBERLAIN, Lillian (Mrs. Joseph)	VI	7 Dec. 1900
"	VIII	6 June 1913
CONAHRA, Mrs. Duncan	VI	10 July 1900
CONNAUGHT, HRH Prince Arthur, 1st Duke of	VI	26 Nov. 1900
" as Grand Master, Order of the Bath	VIII	Nov. 1912
CORNISH, Dr. George	III	24 Oct. 1885

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DELAMERE, Colonel Joseph Martin	VIII	27 Oct. 1907
DENISON, Lieutenant Colonel George Taylor III	II	2 May 1884
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"	VI	11 Oct. 1900
"	VI	17 Oct. 1900
"	VI	25 Oct. 1900
"	VI	31 Oct. 1900
"	VI	15 Nov. 1900
"	VII	5 Apr. 1905
"	VII	17 Sept. 1906
DESJARDINS, A.	IV	4 Feb. 1896
DEWDNEY, Edgar	III	20 Apr. 1885
DIGBY, Caroline, Lady	VIII	2 Jan. 1908
DINSMORE, Frederick H.	VIII	8 Sept. 1913
DRUMMOND, Major Lawrence G., (to Maynard Rogers) n	VIII	2 Mar. 1912

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"	V	21 June 1900

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GALT, E.T.	III	Apr. 1885
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GASCOIGNE, Major General W.J.	IV	20 Apr. 1896
"	IV	9 May 1896
"	IV	1 Dec. 1897
GIBBS, Emily A.	IV	1 Sept. 1895
"	VII	11 June 1902
"	VIII	27 July 1907
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GRASETT, Lieutenant Colonel Henry J.	III	7 Apr. 1887
GREY, Albert Henry George, 4th Earl	VIII	28 July 1908
"	VII	29 Dec. 1904
GZOWSKI, Colonel Sir Casimir S.	IV	1 Dec. 1897

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HANNAY, Augustus	VII	8 Oct. 1902
HERBERT, Major General Ivor J.C.	IV	21 Jan. 1895
"	IV	25 Oct. 1895
"	IV	28 May 1895
HERCHMER, Commissioner (N.W.M.P.) Lawrence	IV	21 May 1891
"	III	2 Jan. 1890
HOLSON & LOCUS	II	24 July 1884
HUGHES, Lieutenant General Sir Sam	IV	29 Sept 1899
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HUNTER, Fraser	VII	2 Jan. 1903
HUNTINGDON, S.L.	VII	12 Oct. 1904
HUTTON, Lieutenant General Sir Edward T.H.	IV	4 July 1899
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JAMES, Maria (Otter), Lady	I	16 Mar. 1871
"	I	27 Aug. 1873
"	II	11 Aug. 1881
"	II	18 Aug. 1882
"	II	3 July 1884
"	III	25 Apr. 1885
"	III	28 July 1885
JAMES, W.C.	II	7 Oct. 1883

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KERSER, Nursing Sister Agnes	V	14 Jan. 1900
KIGGELL, L.	VIII	29 Dec. 1909
KING, Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie	VIII	2 June 1913
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LANDSDOWNE, Henry Charles Keith <u>Petty-FitzMaurice</u> , 5th Marquis of	II	27 Oct. 1884
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LAURIE, Lieutenant General J. Wimburne	III	18 Apr. 1885
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LE MARCHANT, Sophia, Lady	VIII	21 Aug. 1913
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LUARD, General R.G.A.	II	6 Feb. 1882
"	II	27 Oct. 1882
"	II	19 Dec. 1882
"	III	4 Dec. 1885
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MACDONALD, Sir John A.	II	17 Nov. 1882
"	II	12 Dec. 1882
MACDONELL, Captain A.H.	VIII	21 May 1908
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MARMET, E.	III	21 May 1885
MASON, Thomas A.	II	15 Feb. 1882
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"	VIII	6 June 1913
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"	III	21 July 1885
"	III	29 Mar. 1890
MINTO, Gilbert John Elliott-Murray-Kynymound, 4th Earl of (see MELGUND)	IV	11 Feb. 1899
"	IV	17 July 1899

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"	V	18 Mar. 1900
"	VII	25 Apr. 1902
"	VII	6 Apr. 1904
"	VII	19 Aug. 1904
"	VII	5 Nov. 1904
"	VIII	27 June 1913
MINTO, Mary Caroline Elliott-Murray- <u>Kynymound</u> , Countess of	VII	28 Mar 1904
"	VIII	29 June 1913
"	VIII	13 July 1913
"	VIII	28 July 1913
MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE	V	7 Mar. 1900
MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE	V	3 Mar. 1900
MORRIS, Inspector (N.W.M.P.) W.S.	III	20 Apr. 1885
"	III	20 Apr. 1885
"	III	29 Mar. 1889
"	III	4 Apr. 1890
MURRAY-SMITH, Ellen	VIII	22 Sept. 1907
MORRISON-BELL (to Maynard Rogers)	VIII	20 Feb. 1912

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MULOCK, Sir William	V	7 Feb. 1900
MUNSELL, Lieutenant Colonel George	III	29 Oct. 1885

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NOVA SCOTIA, Province of	V	3 Mar. 1900

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"	VI	28 Nov. 1900
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OSLER, Sir Edward	VIII	17 Oct. 1912
OTTER, Anna de la Hook	II	21 Aug. 1883
OTTER (Huddart), Caroline	I	26 June 1876
"	I	Feb. 1876
"	I	Aug. 1874
"	I	7 Jan. 1875
"	I	26 June 1876
"	I	6 Oct. 1876
"	I	6 Dec. 1876
"	I	15 Aug. 1877
"	V	7 Apr. 1900
OTTER, Elizabeth	I	18 Dec. 1873
OTTER, Harold Charles	III	28 July 1890
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"	VIII	25 June 1908
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"	I	25 Apr. 1879
"	II	9 Feb. 1880
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PATTERSON, Hon. James Colbrooke	V	14 June 1900
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"	VII	24 Jan. 1906
PORTER, Guida Tenlon	VI	30 Nov. 1900
POUNDMAKER	III	29 Apr. 1885
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POWELL, Colonel Walker	I	4 July 1879
"	II	23 Feb. 1881
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S.N. Parent

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REED, Hayter	III	12 Feb. 1890
"	III	15 July 1890
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ROMILLY, William, 2nd Baron Romilly of Barry	II	17 July 1883
THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT, Officers' Mess (per Lieutenant W.G. Peterson)	VIII	14 June 1913
ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB OF CANADA	V	8 Mar. 1900
RUSSEL, George	IV	23 Nov. 1899

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SCHWABE, G.	VII	14 Jan. 1905
SCHWABE, Mary J.S. (Mrs. G.)	II	29 Dec. 1883
"	VIII	26 Dec. 1913
SMITH-DORRIEN, General Sir Horace	V	3 Mar. 1900
"	VI	10 July 1900
"	VII	23 Oct. 1904
SMITH, Professor Goldwin	V	28 Mar. 1900
SMITH, Colonel Henry R.	III	27 Oct. 1885
SMYTH, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward <u>Selby-</u>	I	5 Jan. 1877
SOMERS, Isaac	VII	7 Feb. 1901
STEWART, Robert Walter	III	17 Nov. 1886
STONE, Major F.G. (for Chief Staff Officer)	IV	15 Sept. 1899
STRANGE, Colonel T. Bland	III	7 May 1885
STRUTT, Hon. Frederick	VII	25 Mar. 1904
"	VIII	11 Sept. 1907
SWANSON, John	III	2 Apr. 1890
SWENY, Lieutenant Colonel George A.	V	28 Apr. 1900
"	VI	6 Sept. 1900
SWINFORD, Herbert	III	11 Apr. 1885

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SWINFORD, Herbert	III	12 Apr. 1885
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TECK, His Serene Highness Prince Adolphus, Duke of	VI	4 Dec. 1900
TEMPLE, Lieutenant Reginald	IV	29 Oct. 1899
The <u>TIMES</u> of LONDON	VII	19 June 1903
TORONTO, City of (per His Honour, the Mayor)	VIII	3 Dec. 1925
TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE	V	3 Dec. 1900
TROTTER, Henry	V	6 Mar. 1900
TWEEDMOUTH: Edward <u>Marjoribanks</u> , 2nd Baron Tweedmouth of Edington	VI	7 Dec. 1900

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VINCENT, Sir Howard	V	2 Mar 1900

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WAR OFFICE, LONDON	VIII	16 June 1913
WHITE, Lieutenant Colonel Fred (Comptroller, N.W.M.P.)	II	23 Sept. 1882
"	II	20 Dec. 1882
"	III	18 Jan. 1890
WHITEHEAD, Lieutenant Colonel Edward A.	III	16 Aug. 1885
"	III	25 Aug. 1885
"	III	27 Aug. 1885
WILLIAMS, Helen G.	VI	Dec. 1900
WILSON, Major C.W., M.D.	VII	4 Oct. 1904
WILSON, Major General Sir Henry	VIII	16 Oct. 1909
WINNETT, H.	VIII	21 June 1907
WOLSELEY, Field Marshall Lord Garnet Joseph, Baron of Cairo and Wolseley, Viscount Wolseley	IV	15 Nov. 1899
"	V	2 Mar. 1900
WRIGLEY, for Hudson's Bay Company	III	25 Apr. 1885
"	III	26 Apr. 1885

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III	26 Apr. 1885
IV	5 Jan. 1898
IV	23 Nov. 1899
VI	2 Dec. 1900
VII	29 Oct. 1901
VII	19 Oct. 1901
VIII	23 Oct. 1909

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE
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GASCOIGNE, Major General W.J.	10 Mar. 1897
HUGHES, Colonel Sir Sam, MP	19 Mar. 1888
"	3 Feb. 1896
"	25 Sept. 1899
LUARD, General R.G.A.	27 Jan. 1882
"	22 Mar. 1882
"	25 Dec. 1882
"	13 Aug. 1883
"	21 Aug. 1883
"	26 Aug. 1883
"	4 May 1884
"	? (first page missing, date lost)
MIDDLETON, Major General Sir Frederick Dobson	22 Mar. 1890
OTTER, General Sir William Dillon	3 Mar. 1900
POWELL, Colonel Walker	20 Oct. 1880
"	24 Aug. 1883
TYRWHITT, Lieutenant Colonel Richard, MP	18 Jan. 1896
"	23 Jan. 1896

NOTEBOOKS AND DIARIES

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FILE IX

1. DIARY, 1885: Author unknown, probably a junior officer of the Queen's Own Rifles, describing actions and events of the journey west and the campaign up to the return to Ontario, from March 1885 to 22 July 1885
2. NOTEBOOKS, 1885: In Otter's handwriting, including a diary, kept daily from 27 March 1885 to 22 October 1885, detailed accounts of expenses and of rations bought of acquired en route, and copies of telegramme messages sent to Ottawa and to Major General Fred Middleton, Commander, North West Field Force.

FILE X

1. DIARY, 1900: Kept daily from 13 February to 25 December 1900, mostly concerning the itinerary and regimental and camp business.
2. NOTES, 1900: List of soldierw with previous service with the British Army in South Africa.

3. DIARY, 1899 - 1900: Otter's staff diary, kept by him and his staff officers, to be sent in weekly instalments to Militia Headquarters at Ottawa, from 30 October 1899 to 25 December 1900.

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FILE XI

1. DIARY, 1903: Itinerary of military tour of England, 23 August - 25 October 1903.
2. NOTES, 1904: Tactical and strategic notes from a tour of American Civil War battlefields, September 1904.
3. NOTES, n.d.: Statistics of a shooting practice.
4. DIARY, 1909: Daily entries and cash accounts, 1 January - 31 December 1909.
5. DIARY, 1902: Daily entries, cash accounts, and notes of a tour of Europe, with a list of addresses in England and Canada, from 8 June 1902 to April 1903.

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FILE XII

DIARIES, 1913 - 1925: Appointment books, cash accounts, and daily entries, including notes on tours of prisoner-of-war camps, applicants for employment as interpreters and camp officials with the Office of Internment Operations, his bank statements for 1920, with notes of stock purchases and sums invested in various industries, particularly the enterprises of Sir Henry Pellatt, and his routine while living in retirement in Toronto and Ottawa.

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FILE XIII

1. Account, n.d. /1900/: By R.E. Kingsford, who fought at Ridgeway as a private of the University Company and was painfully wounded in the knee. A typescript account describing Negro volunteers in the St. Catharines, Ontario, Home Guard, the Fenians who robbed him as he lay helpless on the battlefield, the Negro Fenian who gave him a drink of sour milk, and exchanges of conversation among the invaders.
2. Etching, 1868: "Volunteer Camp, Toronto, Sunday Octr. 4th, 1868", signed by Armstrong, showing tent lines, picquets and horse lines.
3. Account, n.d. /1900/: By an anonymous noncommissioned officer of No. 5 Coy. of the Queen's Own Rifles, an account of events from the TRENT affair (1861) to the aftermath of Ridgeway (1866), describing in particular the call-out of the Queen's Own on the night of 31 May, 1866.

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4. Account, 1913: By Captain William Fahey, late of the Queen's Own Rifles, prepared for the November, 1913, meeting of the Vets of '66 Association of Toronto, a typescript account of service as an Ensign at the Battle of Ridgeway, 2 June 1866, and the circumstances under which he was taken prisoner after having been wounded.
5. Article, 1913: In Otter's hand, the draft of his own account of militia service from 1866 to 1877, commenting on Fenians, the Red River Expedition, and giving aid to the civil power at Belleville in 1877.
6. "Notes for First Proof", n.d. /1913/: Parts of a draft and notes for revision of an unpublished History of the Queen's Own Rifles, giving dates of events, including teas and musicales, and dates and substance of orders which shaped the evolution of all of Toronto's large militia garrison. There are draft chapters on Uniform, Administration and Organization, Musketry, Inspections and Reviews, and Training.
7. Lecture Text, n.d. /1910/: "The Battle Of Paardeburg", a lecture prepared for an audience of experienced soldiers, or perhaps for the cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada, including an account of the entire campaign from the departure from the Cape to the Battle of Paardeburg, 27 February 1900, with analysis and criticism of the strategy and tactics used by all forces present.

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FILE XIII (cont'd.)

8. Memorabilia from the Great War, 1917 - 1918:
 - a) Account of the internment of Leon Trotsky and his companions, consisting of transcribed messages and letters with linking narrative.
 - b) Canadian Cavalry Brigade operation order no. 48 of 30 September 1918, primary objective Le Cateau.
 - c) Circular memorandum, 3rd Cavalry Division no. A/9560 of 8 November 1918, warning of a German plot to undermine Allied military efficiency by releasing venereally-diseased women among advancing troops.
 - d) Cavalry Corps translation of 4th German Army circular of 11 November 1918, issued by the Soldiers' Council, offering advice on the conduct of military discipline and relationships under the new Socialist government and the terms of the Armistice.
 - e) Canadian Cavalry Brigade operation order no. 40, n.d., /September 1918/; primary objective Le Cateau. Only Page 1 has survived.
9. Memoir, 1891: "The Sword of Brigadier-General Richard Montgomery", by J.H. Lemoine, of Spencer Grange, near Québec. An account developed from transcribed letters, describing the American attempt to capture Québec in 1775 and the fate of the American commander, Brigadier Montgomery.

MEMORABILIA, [1850] - 1961

FILE XIV MICROFILM, REEL M-1674

1. Souvenir menu, with autographs, from a Regimental dinner held at Bloemfontein, 28 March 1900.
2. Signatures to Battleford Address to WDO, 1885 (surviving pages, badly damaged, of a presentation address.)
3. Souvenir menu, from a civic banquet held for the 2nd (Special Service) Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, at Toronto, 27 December, 1900.
4. Unidentifiable cross-written letters, addressed to Otter, according to R.O.G. Morton's note, n.d.
5. Administrative Order 61/26, Headquarters, Quebec Command, DND Army, for the military funeral of Major General R.O.G. Morton.
6. Souvenir menu, from Her Majesty's Dinner for the First Canadian Contingent at Windsor Castle, 30 November, 1900.
7. Lydd Parish Church Communicants' Guild prayer card, /1900/.
8. House plan and elevation, unidentified, n.d.
9. Biographical notes on General Sir William Dillon Otter, by R.O.G. Morton.
10. Letter of devout admiration, to WDO from Dorothy Ray of West View, Cookham, Berks, answered 8 December 1900.
11. Souvenir menu, with autographs, from a civic banquet held for the 2nd (Special Service) Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, at Toronto, 27 December 1900.
12. Invitation to Edward VII's coronation, 26 June 1902.
13. Copy of Chief of Staff's Order, from Colonel Hannay in the rear of of the Mounted Infantry, to Lieutenant Colonel de Lisle, /1900/.
14. Envelope, Pringle & Booth, Toronto photographers, /1918/.
15. Engraving of the Battle of Cut Knife Creek, by W.D. Blatchly, /1885/.
16. Parade state, Québec Tercentenary Royal Review, 24 July 1908.
17. Letter, M.A. Porter to Agnes Porter, 8 August /1850/.
18. Receipt for WDO's Badge of a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, from the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, 22 June 1913.

CORRESPONDENCE OF ALFRED OTTER
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<u>ADDRESSEE</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BELPER, Amelia Harriet "Emily" (Otter) <u>Strutt</u> , Baroness	XV	7 May 1864
"	XV	12 Aug. 1865
ROBINSON, Hon. W.B., & ALLAN, G.W.	XV	10 Aug. 1865
TROTTER, Alexander	XV	28 May 1860
"	XV	13 Apr. 1861
"	XV	8 June 1861
"	XV	21 June 1861
"	XV	29 Aug. 1861
"	XV	2 Dec. 1861
"	XV	11 Feb. 1864
"	XV	27 Feb. 1864
"	XV	2 May 1864
"	XV	7 Nov. 1864
"	XV	14 Jan. 1865
TROTTER, Jacqueline (Otter)	XV	2 May 1864
WIDDER, Frederick	XV	April 1862
"	xv	17 Apr. 1862
"	XV	5 May 1862
"	XV	2 June 1862
"	XV	30 June 1862
"	XV	14 July 1862

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FILE XVI

1. Toronto Evening Telegram, 7 May 1929: Obituary feature with photographs.
2. Toronto Sunday World, 13 Jan. 1924: Otter's memoirs of arrival in Britain with the First Contingent in December 1900, with photographs.
3. Toronto Sunday World, 27 Jan. 1924: Feature article, "How Canada Handled Her Prisoners-Of-War", with photographs.
4. Toronto Sunday World, 23 Dec. 1923: Feature article, "Canada's Grand Old Military Man", Part II, with photographs and drawings; Otter's memoirs from 1861 to 1885.
5. Toronto Sunday World, 16 Dec. 1923: Feature article, "Canada's Grand Old Military Man", Part I, with photographs and drawings; Otter's childhood memories.
6. The Sailor, Nov. 1926: "Man Of The Month" feature on Otter, by "Torontoonian".
7. The Saturday Globe, 20 Jan. 1900: Photographs of First and Second Contingents in South Africa, including a studio portrait of a very young Lieutenant Will Otter, /1870/.
8. Saskatoon, 15 July 1926: Feature article, "The Riel Rebellion Days of 1885", with drawings.
9. Toronto Sunday World, 30 Dec. 1923: Feature article, "Canada's Grand Old Military Man", Part III, with photographs and drawings; Otter's memoirs of 1885.
10. Toronto Sunday World, 20 Jan. 1924: Feature article, "First Native Son to Command Canadian Militia", with photographs and drawings; Otter's memoir of his militia staff appointments, especially the command of the Québec Militia District, during the Québec Tercenary in 1908.
11. Toronto Sunday World, 6 Jan. 1924: Feature article, "Canada's Grand Old Military Man", Part IV, with photographs; Otter's memoir of the South African War, especially the Battle of Paardeburg.
12. Canadian Defence Quarterly, Vol. III, No. 1, Oct. 1925: Editorial, autographed portrait, dated December 1901, and a biographical article signed J.F.C.

OFFICE OF INTERNMENT OPERATIONS STATIONERY

ORIGINALS, 3 cm.

File Titles:

1. Covering Letter (R): Major-General W.D. Otter to Brigadier-General
E.A. Cruikshank
10 Aug. 1917
2. Internment Operations - General
1917
3. Internment Operations - Accountant Branch
1917
4. Internment Operations - Camps
1917
5. Internment Operations - Complaints
1917
6. Internment Operations - Correspondence Branch
1917
7. Internment Operations - Prisoner-Of-War Canteens
1917
8. Internment Operations - Prisoner-Of-War Records
1917
9. Internment Operations - Supply Branch
1917

ADDRESSES: 1885, 1900

ORIGINALS, 3 cm.

1. An illuminated address from the people of the city of Toronto to Lieutenant-Colonel William Dillon Otter, on his assumption of the command of the Infantry School Corps at Toronto in the fall of 1885, when he returned from the North West Territories. The illumination is by Robert M. Williams of Toronto, in the High Victorian style, showing in the decorative borders and initial letters various attributes of Otter's public life as a well-known sportsman and local militia officer. Six hundred and six signatures of Ontario citizens follow the address.
2. An address of welcome to Colonel Otter and the First Contingent on their return to Canada from South Africa in December, 1900, praising the soldiers' bravery and their victories at Paardeburg and on the Modder River. Written in French on ordinary office paper, it is signed by P.H. Drapeau, Maire de la Ville de Rimouski, and L. Lortti, curé de la paroisse de Rimouski.

The Right Reverend William Otter = Mary Sablier Brûlé
Bishop of Chester

