

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Hubert Weidenhamer collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12347>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 6-2011

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: April 11, 1943 - July 4, 1945

Physical Description: 4 cm textual records (48 letters)

2 photographs

press clippings and several facimiles

Physical Condition: Good

History /

Biographical:

Hubert Clayton Weidenhamer was born near Dand, Manitoba in 1926. He was raised in Dand and attended school in the Dand Consolidated School District. Weidenhamer enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1943. He became a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Following training in Canada and England Weidenhamer was sent to Italy. He was badly wounded in battle in mid-September and died of his injuries in November 1944 at age 21. He was buried in the Ancona Military Cemetery, Ancona Italy.

Custodial History:

These records were in the possession of Bea Chapin (née Weidenhamer) following their creation in the 1940s until they were donated to the S. J. McKee Archives in January 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of correspondence from Hubert Clayton Weidenhamer to his sister Bea. The letters begin in the spring of 1943. Weidenhamer had enlisted in the Canadian Army in January 1943. His letters detail his induction into military life in Fort Garry, Winnipeg and his training experience in Canada, principally at Camp Ipperwash, Lambton County, Ontario. He relates his experience of travels on leave to Detroit. Weidenhamer left Canada from Halifax in late 1943 and arrived in Great Britain in December for additional military training. In England, maintaining his morale, waiting for deployment, and coming to terms with British currency were challenges. Transferred to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Weidenhamer was deployed to Italy in March 1944. The letters dating from March 1944 to September relate in oblique fashion his experience of military life on the Italian frontier as the Canadian Army fought its way north - "hard fighting" - and the impact of the war on Italian cities and the countryside. He was "proud" of his conduct in action. Weidenhamer's last letter is dated September 11, 1944.

Collection also includes correspondence on Weidenhamer's behalf from his military Chaplain; two press clippings dealing with his military career, and several facimiles of telegrams and correspondence from the Canadian government officials related to Weidenhamer's death and burial in Italy.

Notes: Description by Tom Mitchell.

Name Access:	Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Camp Ipperwash Princess Pat's
Subject Access:	World War II Second World War military service military personnel Italian theatre
Storage Location:	2011 accessions



## Fred McGuinness in navy uniform with mother

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13903>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.213

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940s

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Fred McGuinness in his Canadian navy uniform posing in front of his family home with his mother, Isabella.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Isabella Louisa Pope

Isabella Louisa McGuinness

Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: portraits

uniforms

World War II

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

### Images

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## David Wilson aboard the HMS Alachasse

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13904>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.214

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940

Physical Description: 3.5" x 4.75" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows David Wilson holding a fish on deck of the HMS Alachasse

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: HMS Alachasse 1940,  
Leading Staker, David Wilson

Name Access: HMS Alachasse

Subject Access: fishing  
military personnel  
World War II

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

### Images

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## Navy ship at dock

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13939>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.11  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1940s  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard  
Physical Condition: Bottom right corner of photograph is bent

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a docked ship, possibly the HMCS Alachasse. Naval flags fly from the mast and a sailor is at the bow of the ship. A naval officer is standing on the dock near a parked vehicle.

Name Access: HMCS Alachasse  
Royal Canadian Navy  
Subject Access: military  
World War II  
ships  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Arrangement:  
Loose photos in funny trunk

## Images

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## Sailors on board ship

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13940>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.12  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1940s  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph is torn and ripped  
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two sailors on the port-side of a ship, possibly the HMCS Alachasse.

Name Access: HMCS Alachasse  
Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: military  
World War II  
ships

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

Loose photos in funny trunk

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## Seaman Fred McGuinness aboard the HMCS Alachasse

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13941>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.13

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940s

Physical Description: 3.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negative

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness (right) posing with three other sailors aboard the HMCS Alachasse.

Name Access: HMCS Alachasse

Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: military

World War II

ships

military personnel

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

Loose photos in funny trunk

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## Sailors aboard the HMCS Alachasse

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13942>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.14

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940s

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negative

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two sailors in an awkward embrace on a coil of rope aboard the HMCS Alachasse.

Name Access: HMCS Alachasse

Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: military

World War II

ships

military personnel

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

Loose photos in funny trunk

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## Seaman Fred McGuinness aboard the HMCS Alachasse

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13943>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.15

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940s

Physical Description: 3.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negative

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Seaman Fred McGuinness seated on a rail next to a colleague aboard the HMCS Alachasse.

Name Access: HMCS Alachasse

Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: military

World War II

ships

military personnel

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

Loose photos in funny trunk

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening - hanger display

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13955>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.27

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the hanger at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum containing the displays of WWII-era planes.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening - Harvard aircraft

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13956>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.28

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the hangar at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum containing the displays of WWII-era planes. A Harvard aircraft is on display.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Harvard aircraft

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Images

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening - Tiger Moth aircraft

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13957>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.29

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the hanger at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum containing the displays of WWII-era planes. A Tiger Moth aircraft is on display.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Tiger Moth aircraft

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening - Lysander aircraft

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13958>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.30

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the hangar at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum containing the displays of WWII-era planes. A Lysander aircraft is on display.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Lysander aircraft

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13959>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.31

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the interior of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum. Visitor look through scrapbooks on display.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

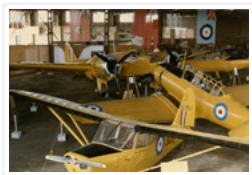
warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Images

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## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum opening - aircraft

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13960>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.32

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1985

Physical Description: 5." x 3.5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the hanger of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum where aircraft are on display. Bolingbroke and Stinson aircraft are on display.

Name Access: Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

Bolingbroke aircraft

Stinson aircraft

Subject Access: museums

ceremonies

World War II

airplanes

warplanes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## McGuinness family

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14042>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Printed: Crawford Drug Store, Brandon  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.112  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1943  
Physical Description: 3.25" x 2" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the McGuinness family women posing with Fred McGuinness who is wearing his Royal Canadian Navy uniform

Notes: Back of the photograph is stamped: Crawford Drug Store, Nov 30, 1943, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Frederick George McGuinness  
Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: World War II  
uniforms  
military  
military people & associations  
military personnel

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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## Fred McGuinness in uniform

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14043>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.113  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1940s]  
Physical Description: 2.75" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the McGuinness in his navy uniform on the deck of a ship, possibly the HMCS Alachasse.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Frederick George McGuinness  
Royal Canadian Navy  
Subject Access: World War II  
uniforms  
military  
military people & associations  
military personnel  
ships

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

## Images

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Fred McGuinness in traction in hospital

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14044>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.114  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1941-1942  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 3" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

On 23 September 1940, McGuinness was seriously injured in a naval accident when his ship ran aground; McGuinness' leg was broken when the ship's tow cable snapped and he spent the next 11 months convalescing at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia. While in hospital McGuinness contracted scarlet fever and diphtheria and developed osteomyelitis as a complication of his femur fracture. McGuinness returned to Winnipeg to continue his convalescence at Deer Lodge Hospital and was ultimately discharged from the navy in 1941.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness in traction in a hospital bed, possibly at Camp Hill Hospital.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Frederick George McGuinness  
Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: World War II  
uniforms  
military  
military people & associations  
military personnel  
ships  
hospitals

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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## Graham Robertson in Cirencester, England

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14045>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.115

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1943

Physical Description: 1.75" x 2.5" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a man in military uniform walking down a commercial street. A military convoy is making its way down the road.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Cirencester - Spartan - 8 Mar '43

Name Access: Graham Robertson

Subject Access: World War II

uniforms

military

military people & associations

military personnel

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

McG RR #8 [corr.] see McG 1.2 file 18

## Images

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## Mildred (Mollie) Kellet fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4834>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 8-1999

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1918; 1941; 1944

Physical Description: 2 cm

History /

Biographical:

Mildred (Mollie) Norton Kellet was born April 5, 1914, in Birmingham, England to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Travers. At the age of 18, she joined the Cadbury Brothers Co. as a contometer. In 1942, she married George Crawford Kellet Jr. Mollie and George Kellet had two children together: Patricia (b. 1944) and Ian (b. 1949). In February of 1944, Mollie and her husband relocated to Manchester where George Kellet worked as an accountant.

Following World War II, the Kellets emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada. Mollie remained a mother and homekeeper until 1954, when she was hired as a secretary for Mitchell, Green, and Menouk Lawyers. She was also employed by The Bay and in the securities department of Montreal Trust Co, where she was the manager until 1966. She retired at age 65, but was recalled by the company to work until 1984, when she was 70 years old. In 1990, Mollie moved to Brandon to be closer to her daughter, Pat Alvestad. Due to complications from surgery and a weak heart, Mollie Kellet passed away on January 31, 1999.

George Crawford Kellet Jr. was born to George Crawford Kellet Sr. and Lizzie Auld Halliday Kellet on July 16, 1911, in Glasgow, Scotland. An only child, he attended private school, and in 1933, at the age of 21, he was the youngest Chartered Accountant graduate in Britain. At some point between 1933 and his marriage to Mildred (Mollie) Norton in 1942, George joined the British army; while with the army his job was to receive the orders concerning army accounting and process them for soldiers in the field.

George left the army after the war and sailed with his wife and daughter on the Mauretania for Canada. Upon settling in Winnipeg he worked for Family Fair. In 1956 and 1957, he continued to work while setting up his own accounting firm, Kellet & Co. He was also diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1956. In 1971, George's health forced him to retire. Mollie continued to work at this time. Five years later she was unable to care for him adequately and he moved to a nursing home. In 1985, at age 74, George Kellet passed away.

Custodial History:

In January 2000, Pat Alvestad, the Kellets' daughter, donated this fonds to the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

The records contained within the Mollie Kellet fonds are contributions from both Mollie and her husband George. Included are: a collection of handwritten recollections by Mollie Kellet concerning her experiences during the Second World War (Mollie had been living in London and experienced life under German bombing); a document from WWI, presumably from her father, who was a veteran of this war; and records acquired by George Kellet during his service in the Second World War concerning the practical arrangements made to support troops following the 1944 D-day invasion of Nazi Europe. Marked "top secret," these records set out procedures for paying and provisioning the invading army.

Notes: CAIN No. 202659

Subject Access:	George Kellet
	World War I
	D-day
	memoirs
	World War II
Storage Location:	1999 accessions
Storage Range:	1999 accessions