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Milton Gregg

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Summary information

Repository: 8th Hussars Museum

Title: Milton Gregg

ID: 13.52

Date: 1915,1913, 1968,1942-1979 (date of creation)

Language: English

Physical description: 3 cm Textual Records, 2 cm of news paper clippings, 3 magazines, 4

Photographs

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Gregg was born on 10 April 1892 in Mountain Dale, Kings County, New Brunswick, the son of Elizabeth Celia (Myles) and George Lord Gregg. He enlisted with the Canadian Black Watch in September 1914 while still studying at Acadia University. He graduated with an MA in 1916. Milton Gregg served during the First World War as a sergeant in the medical corps and later as an officer of The Royal Canadian Regiment. During combat in France in 1917, his actions earned him the Military Cross and in 1918 further valour added a bar to the Cross. Near Cambrai, Nord, France on 28 September 1918 his actions during the Battle of the Canal du Nord earned him the Victoria Cross. The citation for Gregg's Victoria Cross reads:Lt. Milton Fowler Gregg, M.C., R. Can. Regt., Nova Scotia R. - For most conspicuous bravery and initiative during operations near Cambrai, 27th September to 1st October, 1918. On 28th September, when the advance of the brigade was held up by fire from both flanks and by thick, uncut wire, he crawled forward alone and explored the wire until he found a small gap through which he subsequently led his men and forced an entry into the enemy trench. The enemy counter-attacked in force and, through lack of bombs, the situation became critical. Although wounded Lt. Gregg returned alone under terrific fire and collected a further supply. Then rejoining his party, which by this time was much reduced in numbers, and in spite of a second wound, he reorganized his men and led them with the greatest determination against the enemy trenches, which he finally cleared. He personally killed or wounded 11 of the enemy and took 25 prisoners, in addition to 12 machine guns captured in the trench. Remaining with his company in spite of wounds he again on the 30th September led his men in attack until severely wounded. The outstanding valour of this officer saved many casualties and enabled the advance to continue.

Later career From 1934 until 1939 he was the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Commons. Following the outbreak of World War II, Gregg served overseas for two years with the West Nova Scotia Regiment and then commanded officer training centres at various military facilities in Canada and retired with the rank of Brigadier in 1943. In 1944, he was appointed President of the University of New Brunswick, serving in that position until 1947 when he was elected to Parliament as Liberal member for the York-Sunbury riding. Gregg served in the cabinets of Prime Ministers William Lyon Mackenzie King and Louis St. Laurent for almost ten years as the Minister of Fisheries, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and Minister of Labour. Defeated in the 1957 election, Gregg went on to become the United Nations representative

in Iraq, the UNICEF administrator in Indonesia, and the Canadian High Commissioner in Georgetown, British Guiana. He retired in 1968. He died on 13 March 1978 and is buried at Snider Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery in Snider Mountain, New Brunswick. [edit] Honours In 1951 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia. He was sworn into the Privy Council for Canada on 2 September 1947 by Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada on 22 December 1967 and accepted the award in a ceremony performed on 26 April 1968.

Scope and content

Fond consists of a folder with various articles about Milton Gregg. A Folder with a booklet Pro Patria Cols and Chiefs, Hon Cols and Cols of the Regiment 1883-1978, Brig. Milton Gregg 1952-1958 Also included is a Folder with 3 photocopied photographs with the members of the Nova Scotia unit on Service in Scotland with Milton Gregg.

Notes

Title notes

• Source of title proper: Museum Created

Location of originals

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Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published
- **Rights**: Provisions of deposit Should the Hussars Museum close it is understood that these articles will be sent to the Gregg Center, University of New Brunswick.

Access points

• Textual record (documentary form)

Collection holdings

Series: 13.52-13.52.01 - Milton Gregg

<u>Creator</u>: Milton Gregg <u>Title</u>: Milton Gregg ID: 13.52-13.52.01

Date: 1915,1913, 1968, 1942-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of a folder with various articles about Milton Gregg.

Folder with a booklet Pro Patria Cols and Chiefs, Hon Cols and Cols of the Regiment 1883-1978, Brig. Milton Gregg 1952-1958

Folder with 3 photo copied pictures when the members of the Nova Scotia unit were on Service in Scotland with Milton Gregg.

Physical description: 1 cm of Papers

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Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

1 cm of papers all in clear plastic folders.

Series: 13.52-13.52.02 - Newspaper Clippings & Articles

Creator: Milton Gregg

<u>Title</u>: Newspaper Clippings & Articles

ID: 13.52-13.52.02

Date: 1942,1979, 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of 23 News paper article, A Dedication of a New Door August 1980 Millstream United Baptist Pastorate. Legionary magazine dated March 1948 Vol 9 and 1968 Vol 43 Canadian Geographical Journal 1963 and an Article Written by Milton Gregg starting page 194 Co-optation in Diversity.

Physical description: 2 cm of news paper clippings, 3 magazines

Immediate source of acquisition:

Dorothy Warman

Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

2 cm of newspaper clippings. 18 clear plastic folders .3 Magazines

Series: 13.52-13.52.03 - News Realeases

<u>Creator</u>: Milton Gregg <u>Title</u>: News Realeases

<u>ID</u>: 13.52-13.52.03

<u>Date</u>: 1977-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of 2 News Releases each in clear plastic folders.

Tribute to Brigadier (RET'D) Honorable Milton F Gregg by Barney Danson

Ottawa Mr Danson said a contract was awarded March 17 1977, to construct an Armory Designated

The Milton Gregg VCV Armory. Location Sussex New Brunswick

Gregg's first military association was with the 8th (Princess Louise's) New Brunswick Hussars, just before the first world war.

Physical description: 2 News Releases

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

Series consists of 2 News Releases each in clear plastic folders.

Series: 13.52-13.52.04 - Photographs

Creator: Milton Gregg

<u>Title</u>: Photographs ID: 13.52-13.52.04

Date: 1939 (date of creation)
Scope and content:
Series consists of 4 photographs .

Physical description: 4 photographs
Language of the material:
English

Immediate source of acquisition:
Dorothy Warman

Location of originals:
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Publication status:
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