



## MG 379 - [Arthur C.D. Piggott] 1885 Resistance Manuscript

**Extent:** 2 cm of textual records.

Photocopy of a manuscript prepared by "A.C.D.P.," believed to be Arthur C.D. Piggott.

The April 1885 paylists for Major Boulton's Troop of Mounted Infantry, list A.C. D. Piggott in No. 1 (Captain Gardiner's) Troop.

No. 2 (Captain Johnson's) Troop was certainly at some of the battles referred to in the manuscript, specifically Fish Creek, Batoche, and in the pursuit of Big Bear as far as Loon Lake.

See C.A. Boulton's *Reminiscences of the north-west rebellion...*, 1886 for more information.

Unfortunately, the original manuscript cannot be located. Beal and Macleod's *Prairie fire, 1984* have no record of it. The copy was purchased by the donor several years ago (in Victoria, BC); at the time he was under the impression that it was the only extant copy of the manuscript remaining. This has not been verified, nor has there been any attempt to verify the details of the manuscript itself, or to date the work. According to Dard Hunter (*Papermaking, The History and Technique of an Ancient Craft*), an English patent for a ruling machine was granted in 1770 to John Tetlow. Holes in the margins of paper also predate 1885 (individual hole punches were patented ca. 1886) so what is revealed of the paper itself in the photocopy, is inconclusive.

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