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The Great War: I Was There Magazine Collection. [textual records]. – 1938-1939. – 18.0 cm of textual records.

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Administrative History

The Great War: I Was There! magazine documented the stories of people involved with World War I. It was a weekly periodical, available on Thursdays, which aimed to capture the 'undying memories of 1914-1918'. It contained excerpts from other sources as well as original material. Much of the material published was firsthand accounts of the war as well as previously unpublished images. It was printed in London, United Kingdom by the Amalgamated Press Ltd. The series was edited by Sir John Hammerton and its 51 parts ran from September 29, 1938 to September 19, 1939. The publication concluded due to the start of WWII. The cover of part 51 states: "In view of the outbreak of the 'European War' subscribers to "I Was There" will not be surprised to learn that the publishers have decided not to proceed with the issue of the proposed New Series. Meanwhile they would point out that they are now publishing under the same editorship a weekly Picture-Record of the renewed conflict of the Nations forced upon the world by German Aggression. Ask for The War Illustrated."

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of 48 volumes of the 51 part series entitled 'The Great War: I Was There!'. Parts 13, 18 and 47 are missing from this collection. The series chronicles WWI through firsthand accounts of the war. The series contains original pieces as well as excerpts from other media.

Conservation Note

This fonds was re-boxed and wrapped in mylar in 2012.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

This material was donated to the Moose Jaw Public Library Archives by Gladys Uncles in 1998.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box H-89

Parts 1-27 (except 13 & 18)

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Parts 28-51 (except 47)