

MACKENZIE-PAPINEAU BATTALION  
VETERANS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES

An Inventory to the Fonds  
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## FONDS DESCRIPTION

### **Title:**

The Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion - Veterans of the International Brigades Fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1938, 1948, 1971-[1992?]; predominant 1971-[1992?]

**Physical Description:** 30 cm of textual records and other materials

### **Administrative History:**

The Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion - Veterans of the International Brigades was issued a letters patent of incorporation on April 1, 1971. Under the patent, the association outlined its general mission as: "To promote the integrity and independence of Canada as a sovereign state; to maintain, defend and expand Democracy in Canada; to aid those members of the corporation who were disabled in war or who are presently infirm or ill as a result of serving in the International Brigades; and to maintain fraternal solidarity with all members of the International Brigades who may be living in any part of the world." The association later took on the goal of seeking official recognition from the Canadian government for Canadian veterans of the International Brigades. The first three directors of the corporation were John George Johnson, John P. McElligott, and Niels Madsen. The corporation was empowered to pass by-laws concerning financial matters and to delegate powers to officers or directors of the corporation. The association elected an executive at the first general meeting in each calendar year. Officers elected included a President, a Vice President, a Secretary Treasurer, and a recording secretary. Standing Committees were also considered members of the executive. The first president of the corporation was Mr. Len Norris of White Rock, British Columbia. Mr. Norris also fulfilled the roll of editor of the Association's news bulletin, "The Mac Pap'er" from 1972-1986.

### **Scope and Content:**

The fonds consists of records created by President Len Norris, including correspondence; published and unpublished reference materials covering a range of topics relating in some way to the Spanish Civil War and/or its veterans; a number of lists from various sources, bearing the names of members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of the International Brigades; and a small number of official records of the corporation.

**Notes:**

Corporation is also referred to as the Mac Paps

There are fewer than 10 items dated either 1938 or 1948

Includes 4 postcards, 6 fabric insignias, 1 print poster

Material was donated by Elspeth Gardner on behalf of

Mary Norris, February 1, 1997

The fonds has been arranged into 4 series: 1) Correspondence

2) Reference materials 3) Names lists 4) Official records

Most of the material is in English, a few items are in Spanish or German

**Finding Aids:** Series level descriptions available, p. 3,4; files list available p. 5-7.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

**Series 1: Correspondence. -- 1971-[1992?]. -- 20 cm**

Series consists of correspondence (letters, cards, etc.), between Mr. Norris and other members and officers of the corporation as well as external individuals and groups. Files are arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent and items are arranged chronologically within each file. The series reflects the broad variety of activities of the corporation including location and recruitment of members, involvements in history projects, the campaign for official government recognition for veterans of the International Brigades, donations to the corporation, travels to and participation in reunions, memorials, etc., personal and family matters, etc.

**Series 2: Reference Material. -- 1938, 1948, 1971-1991; predominant 1976-1983. -- 5 cm**

Series consists of news and other print media clippings and photocopies concerning members of the corporation and/or the Spanish Civil War, back issues of the corporation's news bulletin, newsletters of associated organizations, a collection of handwritten letters including 5 to and from Spain dated 1938, a number of fabric insignias of the International Brigades, a poster of the "Association de ex-pressos Y Represaliados Politicos" bearing inscriptions and signatures on the back, photocopy of proceedings in the Ontario legislature regarding the campaign for official government recognition, and other related materials.

**Series 3: Names Lists. -- 1938 and 1989. -- 2 cm**

Series consists of 3 lists of names, either collected or compiled from various sources for the purposes of identifying and locating members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of the International Brigade.

**Series 4: Official Records. -- 1971, 1981, 1984. -- 1 cm**

Series consists of the letters patent of incorporation, statement of membership guidelines and organization of the corporation, a mailing list, and a legal dissertation concerning the campaign for official government recognition.

FILE LIST

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Amery, Al	1	1
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Beeching, William	1	3
Beeching, Wm, (Regina)	1	4
Blackman, Frank	1	5
Blair, John C.	1	6
Broadbent, Ed	1	7
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Canadian Plains Research	1	9
Cesarini, Juan Carlos	1	10
Cleven, R.P.	1	11
Coleman, Mac	1	12
Communist Party of Canada	1	13
Copeland, Abe	1	14
Crocker, L.W. (Legion)	1	15
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Kardash, Wm	1	28
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Lein/Leir [?], Esther	1	31
Levenson, Len	1	32
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Liversedge, M.	2	1
McLoughlin, Barry	2	2
Martinez, Manuel Pillado	2	3
Mennell, Morris	2	4
Mensh, Harry	2	5
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Nash, Pat and Elise	2	8
Nebot, J.	2	9
Peck, Mary Biggar	2	10
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Taylor, Geo.	2	26
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