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## Ace Beach fonds

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

**Title:** Ace Beach fonds

**ID:** SC376

**Date:** 1944-1987 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 1 cm of textual records

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Ace Beach was born in Saskatchewan. He joined the Canadian Officers Training Corps in 1941 and in December 1942 he joined the active force and was sent overseas. Beach trained on Sherman Tanks in North Africa to prepare for the invasion of Sicily and joined the Three Rivers Regiment (1st Armoured Brigade) in Fall 1943 just below Ortona, Italy. In Italy, he made a report on the battle of Lake Trasimene Line. Later, he was involved in Operation Goldflake (Invasion of France), and saw further action in Holland where he eventually accepted the surrender of about 140 enemy troops. He was later awarded the American Silver Star for this feat. He was then posted to a reconnaissance team (to gather up weapons) and promoted to Captain. After the war, he studied Psychology. He studied at the University of Edinburgh and the University of Saskatchewan, where he qualified as a Rhodes Scholar. He went to Oxford for his M.A. and received his Ph.D from McGill University. He taught at Uvic in Psychology and also became Director of Counselling Services.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of a photocopy of Beach's typed copy of his report "Notes on the Battle of the Lake Trasimeno Line (1944). A statement on the covering page states "these have not been submitted to Higher Cmd for approval as some of the opinions expressed are unwise in the extreme." Also included is correspondence (photocopies of 2 typed letters in, together with photocopies of 2 replies) between William J. McAndrew, Directorate of History and Professor Beach (1986-87). The correspondence concerns the authorship of the report, as Beach's name was not attached to it, and questions about the activities of the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade, which Beach served in.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Related material

See also Horace Beach's interview in the Military Oral History Collection: <http://contentdm.library.uvic.ca/cdm/ref/collection/collection13/id/351>

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ace-beach-fonds-2

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## Access points

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- Canada. Canadian Army. Armoured Brigade, 1st
- Canada. Canadian Army. Armoured Regiment, 12th (The Three Rivers Regiment)
- Canada. Canadian Officers Training Corps
- correspondence (documentary form)
- photocopies (documentary form)
- reports (documentary form)
- Military history, Modern--Canada (subject)
- Operation Goldflake (subject)
- Ortona, Battle of, Ortona, Italy, 1943 (subject)
- Trasimene line, 1944 (subject)
- World War 1939-1945--Campaigns--Italy (subject)
- World War 1939-1945--Campaigns--Sicily (subject)

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## Collection holdings

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### Series: SC376-2000-053 - "Notes on the Battle of the Lake Trasimeno Line"

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