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## Summary information

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

**Title:** Ralph Thistle fonds

**ID:** SC117

**Date:** 1941 - 1942 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 3 cm of textual records

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Lt. Ralph Thistle served in the militia with the Canadian Scottish Regiment, 16th Battalion prior to World War II. He went on active service when war was declared and became an Area Intelligence Officer at Prince Rupert, B.C.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists mainly of the diary of Lieutenant Thistle, Area Intelligence Officer, Prince Rupert, B.C. (Dec. 7, 1941-June 30, 1942). In the diary he mentions the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the consequent U.S. entry into the war. He later refers to the effect this event has upon defence operations on the northern B.C. coast and mentions the "roundup" of Japanese fishing boats. Also included in the fonds is a copy of a report that he and Major Dow sent to their Officer Commanding, on Feb. 6, 1942. They have it marked "Secret". Dr. R.H. Roy published an article based on the diary in B.C. Studies (No.31, Autumn 1976).

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

- **Description identifier:** ralph-thistle-fonds-2

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## Access points

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- Canada. Canadian Army. Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
- Japanese Canadians--British Columbia--History (subject)
- Japanese--Canada--British Columbia--History (subject)
- Roy, Reginald H., 1922- . Defence of Prince Rupert: an eyewitness account (subject)
- World War 1939-1945--Personal narratives, Canadian (subject)

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## Series descriptions

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### Series SC117-1991-081: Diary

Date: 1941-1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

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Publication status:

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