



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	64
ACCESSION NUMBER	1999.52
TITLE	Harry Donkersley
DATE(S)	1941-1944
EXTENT	4.5cm of textual records
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	<p>Harry Donkersley (1919 –1944) was raised in Powell River and completed his schooling at Brooks School. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and completed his pilots training. He was stationed overseas and in 1942 was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross with bar for his actions against enemy ships in the Mediterranean. He was temporarily attached to the 165th Squadron in Edmonton, Alberta in December 1943. In January 1944 he was ferrying an aircraft from Lethbridge to the west coast when he and his aircraft disappeared in the vicinity of the mountains near Chilliwack. The aircraft has never been found.</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Not known
FONDS DESCRIPTION	<p>The fonds consists of including correspondence, a log book, certificate, and newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Title based on subject of fonds.</p> <p>Series 1: Correspondence Date(s): 1942-1944 Extent: 1cm of textual records</p> <p>Series consists of records of recommendation, acclamation and sorrow regarding Donkersley's action and subsequent death.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 2: Log Book Date(s): 1941-1944 Extent: 2cm of textual records.</p> <p>Series consists of one log book chronicling flying school, duties and sorties.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 3: Certificate Date(s): 1941 Extent: .5cm of textual records.</p>

	<p>Series consists of a certificate of Donkersley's appointment as an officer in the RCAF.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 4: Newspaper Clippings Date(s): 1942-1944 Extent: 1cm of textual records.</p> <p>Series consists of newspaper clippings of Donkersley's awards and accident.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 5: Certificate</p> <p>Is stored in oversize photograph drawer # 3.</p>
<p>NOTES</p>	<p>A more extensive biography, including details of events leading to medals is available from the BC Aviation Museum. A copy of the biography can be found at the following link which remained active as of 09/10/2020 (https://bcam.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Donkersley-HW.pdf). A copy of this biography has been retained by the PRHMA if the document is not longer available online.</p> <p>The website mentioned at the end of the biography is no longer available (pruhww2.weebly.com).</p>

