

F 0182 – Arthur Flowers fonds

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This fonds documents aspects of the personal and professional life – and particularly the First World War experiences – of Captain Arthur Flowers, a British military careerist and mid-20th c. immigrant to Essex County. Series I contains records and images relating to his personal life and political views; Series II contains records relating to his military career, including correspondence and health records from the First World War; Series III contains official First World War correspondence and publications circulated by the British military to boost morale. Series IV contains records relating to Flowers' wife Annie, including correspondence, a 1914 travel diary, and souvenirs of the British Royal Family.

Series I: Arthur Flowers – Personal

This series contains records and images that illuminate Arthur Flowers' personal life outside of his military career, including engagement in public debate and reflections on the nature of post-war democracy, as well as images of Flowers, his relatives, servants, and various military associates.

Files:

1. Arthur Flowers' obituary, September 1960
2. Press clippings and letters to the editor, ca. 1930s
3. Critique of democracy, post-WWI
4. Images, ca. late 19th c. – mid-20th c.

Series II: Arthur Flowers -- Military

This series contains records related to Arthur Flowers' military career, including details of his service, letters of recommendation by former associates, medical records, war-related ephemera, and Flowers' correspondence (primarily with his wife Annie) describing events and experiences from his participation in the First World War.

Files:

1. Military career and personal recommendations, 1916-1956
2. Ephemera, ca. 1914-1918
3. Arthur Flowers – wounded, ca. 1915-1916
4. Arthur Flowers correspondence, 1913-1915; ?
5. Arthur Flowers correspondence books #3-6, ca. 1915-1916

Series III: Military Publications

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This series contains publications and correspondence mass-produced by military officials to communicate with the officers and men of the British, Indian, ANZAC, and other allied armies during the First World War. Much of it passes on praise and greetings from political and military leaders and was probably intended to raise morale among the troops.

Files:

1. Ship convoy, Bombay to Europe, September 1914
2. Accounts of trench warfare, Sept. [?]; Sept. 1917
3. Orders of the Day and other communications with troops, 14 March 1915 – 24 November 1918
4. Special Orders of the Day (Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig), 28 May 1917 – 30 January 1918
5. Despatch from Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, 8 December 1917 – 30 April 1918

Series IV: Annie Flowers

This series contains records and ephemera relating to military spouse Annie Flowers. It includes her marriage registration, two postcards sent from India, an account of her sea-voyage back to Britain, and an invitation to the reserved section of the Windsor train station viewing area during the 1939 Royal Tour of Canada by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Files:

1. Marriage record, 24 September 1912
2. Annie Flowers correspondence, 1914; ?
3. Annie Flowers travel diary (India to England), 19 November – 22 December 1914
4. Royal Tour of Canada, 1939; Duke of Windsor [undated]