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**PIDDUCK (James A.) Papers**

Gift of Mrs. P. Stookes, 2006.

Dates: 1910-1920.

Extent: 1 box (0.25 metres).

Scope and Content: The collection includes some photographs of James Pidduck and other soldiers, two World War I pay books belonging to Pidduck, and a journal, documenting his time in Canada, England and France in 1916. The journal outlines his daily life, where he chauffeured people to, what he did with his free time, to whom he spoke and where he moved. He stops writing in December of 1916 after nearly a year of consistent entries.

Biographical Sketch: James A. Pidduck was born to John Pidduck and Mrs. J Pidduck, and resided in Mont Royal Park, Montreal. He enlisted on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915, in Montreal. After training in Toronto, he was sent to New Brunswick on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1916 and sent to England aboard the S.S. Metagama on February 6<sup>th</sup>. He arrived at Branchatt Camp and was quickly shipped to Shorncliffe camp where he began his work as a chauffeur for superiors, and the wounded. He drives from his camp to various places, such as different hospitals, Ashford, Saltwood, Westgate, Hastings, London, Dover, Salisbury, and Camp Bordon.. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 1916 he was drafted to move to France but this was overturned on account of an accident on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. In September of 1916 he is drafted again and moved to Rouen, France. There he worked as a chauffeur and on fatigue in a tire store, an unserviceable items store and the Quartermaster store. Little is known of the rest of his time in France. He came back to Canada sometime in the 1920s aboard "The Cunard White Star Liner: Queen Elizabeth on War Duty."

<b>Box 1</b> 5 folders	Photographs, World War One pay books, Certificate, Journal
Folder 1	3 photographs: (labeled) 1910, "Jim, Cousin Kitty + ?", "Jim Pidduck, 1921, war medal?"
Folder 2	2 ANS: Postcard with a photo of "The Cunard White Star Super Liner: Queen Elizabeth (on service)". [reverse] Jim Pidducks' Trip home, Bringing the troops home, 1920s?" War office certificate: "Jet Pidduck 510436, being employed on Active Service, is hereby authorized by the Secretary of State for War to drive a motor car, lorry or bicycle, when on Government duty. Signed _____, Available from Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> -Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1916."

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Folder 3	1 photograph: (labeled) B. Luneau, Jim, S. Moore (1917).
Folder 4	two paybooks: Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1917. Canadian Pay Book for Use on Active Service, Group 34 (Chauffer), SGD H.P.Blackwood Capt, 5 <sup>th</sup> C.D. Art'y, No 510436 rank: Pre, J. A. Pidduck, 26/11/15, religious persuasion: C.O.E [Church of England]. Parents: John Pidduck and Mrs J. Pidduck of Mount Royal Park, Montreal.
Folder 5	<p>1 Journal: A Soldier's Diary: "This book contains the diary of name: James A. Pidduck, rank and number: Private 510436, M.S.L.A.S.L, #4 Draft, date of enlistment: Nov. 25/1915, enlisted in: Montreal, name: J. Pidduck, address: Mount Royal Park, Montreal, Que., Can." "This book contains My Personal Experiences and Impressions of the Great European War.</p> <p>The journal outlines the life of James Pidduck beginning on January 1, 1916 at Toronto. Outlined below are various highlights found within each month:</p> <p>January: In Toronto, took a YMCA bath and weighed 128.5, diphtheria breakout in the barracks, inspected at Queen's Park, goes to many shows and drills during the day, parade to Chalmer's Presbyterian Church.</p> <p>February: Documents a train ride to New Brunswick (getting ready to leave Canada), travels to England aboard the S.S. Metagama and arrives at Branchatt camp, then moves to Shorncliffe Camp and begins driving.</p> <p>March: goes to Granville Hotel (military hospital), Monks Horton, Convalescent hospital, East Sandling Folkestone, quarantined barracks because of measles, runs a blindfolded boxing match, goes to concerts nearly every evening, reads a book "Canada in Flanders".</p> <p>April: goes to Sheritan Place, Drafted for France on Apr. 11 but turned down on account of a driving accident he'd had April 5, goes to Papillion Home for Soldiers.</p> <p>May: goes to Woodward Hall, given Soldier's Qazette from Montreal, granted a 6 day leave and goes to Ramsgate to visit Uncle Albert, Cousin Rosie, Uncle Harry, Cousin Alice</p>

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	<p>and Fred White.</p> <p>June: Frequently meeting with a girl named Popsy who he brings to church, on walks and to shows. Spends most of his days in park, waiting to drive. Drives to Beachborough, Otterpool, Lydden, Dover.</p> <p>July: Drives to Ashford, Elham Union, Saltwood, Pleasure Gardens, Westgate, Hastings, Plymouth, Salisbury, Camp Bordon, Branshette. Received a black eye in a boxing match while fooling around with other boys in the barracks.</p> <p>August: learns Musketing.</p> <p>September: goes to Southhampton, drafted but delayed as the boat cannot leave to travel to France because of submarines in the channel. Eventually transported on the Dutchess of Argile and moves to France, gets a case of scabies on the ship and is quarantined for awhile.</p> <p>October: gets to Rouen where he works fatigue at the tire store, unserviceable items store, and the Quartermaster store.</p> <p>He stops writing in December.</p>
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