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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Duncan Chisholm MacDonald fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-520
Date:	1916-1920, [197-?] (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	12.5 cm of textual records (11 folders)
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Duncan Chisholm MacDonald fonds, MS-2-520, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Duncan Chisholm MacDonald was born in River Station, Nova Scotia, on 9 February 1896, the son of John R. and Mary Isabel MacDonald. In 1916, after completing his first year of engineering studies at St. Francis Xavier College, he enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, serving as a gunner in the 8th Canadian Siege Battery in England and France from 1916-1918. On his return from the war he attended medical school at Dalhousie University, followed by graduate studies in London, England. After a long career in medicine in small-town Saskatchewan, he retired to Saskatoon, where he was married in 1973 and died in 1976.

Custodial history

Fonds was donated by Trevor Parfitt (probably a relative of Duncan's niece, I.M. Parfitt) and accessioned by the Archives in 1984.

Scope and content

Fonds comprises diaries and correspondence written during MacDonald's time in service and include letters to his parents and siblings sent from training camps in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and Aldershot, England, as well as Belgium. Transcriptions of this material were written by Mrs. I.M. Parfitt (Margaret MacDonald's daughter); these are annotated and include notes on the family and draft sections

of a family biography. Also included in the fonds are letters from Willie H. Cameron to his cousin, Margaret MacDonald, written in 1918 from Halifax and Camp Bramshott, Surrey.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

For other diaries and correspondence from World War I see Will R. Bird (MS-2-367), John William George Rhodes (MS-2-598), Brigadier Richard Edward Graham Roome (MS-2-252), and Peter G. Rogers (MS-2-576).

Other fonds with military holdings can be found at <http://www.library.dal.ca/DUASC/FindingAids/Military/>.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Dalhousie University. Faculty of Medicine.
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Biographic information (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Diaries (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Transcripts (subject)
- World War, 1914-1918 (subject)

Collection holdings

Series: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folders 1-5 - Letters from Duncan Chisholm MacDonald to his parents and siblings

Title: Letters from Duncan Chisholm MacDonald to his parents and siblings

Reference code: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folders 1-5

Date: 1916-1919 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records (5 folders)

Series: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 6 - Letters from Willie Cameron to Margaret MacDonald

Title: Letters from Willie Cameron to Margaret MacDonald

Reference code: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Folder includes several newspaper cuttings, a program for the Acadia Ladies' Seminary Class Day Exercises, and a letter from the Canadian Military School of Orthopedics and Physiotherapy responding to an application from Margaret MacDonald.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records (1 folder)

Series: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folders 7-9 - Paginated transcript of MacDonal'd's diaries and letters

Title: Paginated transcript of MacDonal'd's diaries and letters

Reference code: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folders 7-9

Date: [197-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes a draft of foreward/preface of I.M. Parfitt's manuscript.

Physical description: 200 pages (3 folders)

File: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 10 - Transcript of Willie Cameron's letters

Title: Transcript of Willie Cameron's letters

Reference code: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: [197-?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 10 pages (1 folder)

Series: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 11 - Diaries of Duncan Chisholm MacDonald

Title: Diaries of Duncan Chisholm MacDonald

Reference code: MS-2-520, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1917-1920 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains three diaries. Original diaries from 1916 and 1918 are absent.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

Related material:

Transcript for 1916 diary is located in Box 1, Folder 7.
