

**Savage Collection of Photographic Negatives**  
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**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS:**

The collection is mainly photographic negatives taken by Sergeant Savage, as a photographer with the Public Relations Department of the Dept. of National Defence. He was based at HQ Western Ontario Area in London. Most of the images then relate to southwestern Ontario including Windsor, London, Ipperwash, Wolessley Barracks, Kitchener, Brantford and others. Also they cover all arms of the armed service including most often, RCR, Hussars, CCCC, militia and cadets. The negatives date from 1955 to 1962 inclusive.

**ORGANIZATION OF COLLECTION:** The negatives have been divided into two main groups. In both these groups they have been enclosed in acid free envelopes.

The first group are negatives which were enclosed in assignment envelopes with caption information, notes, date and work order number. The second group are negatives with no official assignment envelopes but plain envelopes with very short captions, date (not always) and work order numbers.

The first group have the collection name "Savage Collection", and caption information typed onto acid free envelopes. The original envelopes have been kept for the first group, as they have additional information and notes on them and inside them. The original assignment envelopes and the new acid free envelopes are to be separated but next to each other in the box for cross referencing. The second group of negatives have "Savage Collection", date, and caption information on acid free envelopes. The original negative envelopes will be thrown away as all the information has been transposed to the new acid free envelopes. Both of these groups will be organized by date and then by work order number if there was more than one assignment on that date.

**ACCESS:**

I suggest searching the first group by scanning the old assignment envelopes since these have the caption information still on them. Then when an interesting item is found, search the new envelopes by date until the appropriate envelope and negatives are found. The second group can be searched by scanning the new envelopes and looking at the captions.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

There are also some damaged unidentified negatives in a folder and a few identified negatives. These are being held for the possibility of preservation. Also we have some assignment envelopes without negatives and negatives in unmarked envelopes.

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