

## Lieutenant Margaret Dillon's Letters Home

### Items:

#### Statement of Service in the Canadian Armed Forces

1. 54 mailings which include: 49 letters, 4 postcards, 1 chart (showing "cases of illegitimate pregnancy") These items are dated from: November 11, 1943 to sometime in early 1946.

Note: There are letters with no dates. In some cases, my Mom has added explanatory notes, or has guessed at the date. These notes (some written on the letters and some on 'post-its' were added circa 2006. In a few cases, I have added a post-it to a letter with no date, having found information in the letter that helps pin-point the date.

2. Booklet entitled "Everything for the Fighting Front"
3. "Directorate of Auxiliary Services, CWAC Recreational News Bulletin for Company Commanders" (mimeograph)
4. "Directorate of Auxiliary Services, CWAC Recreational News Bulletin for Company Commanders – Bulletin No2" (mimeograph)
5. "Directorate of Auxiliary Services, CWAC Recreational News Bulletin for Company Commanders – Bulletin No3" (mimeograph)
6. "Directorate of Auxiliary Services, CWAC Recreational News Bulletin for Company Commanders – Bulletin No5" (mimeograph)
7. "Department of National Defence / Army / Directorate of Auxiliary Sports Services" (mimeograph)
8. "Planning a Party" (mimeograph) , 2 copies
9. 19 black and white photos (10 x 8) with handwritten annotations

#### Background information:

Margaret worked for "Farm Forum", under their National Secretary Alex Sim, in Saint Anne de Bellevue, Quebec (in the Montreal district). The letters, from November 11, 1943 until May 19, 1944, are all written while working for Farm Forum. They include many discussions about her dealings with Army officials, as she attempts to get into the Armed Services at the officer level. She succeeds and goes to Ottawa for training. Her first posting is to Saint John, New Brunswick.

Most of the letters are to her parents, Ernest and Madeleine Dillon, of Cooksville, Ontario (now a part of Mississauga). Her father was a lawyer and her mother was a home-maker (par excellence)! Her siblings, Eleanor ("El"), Robert ("Rob") and Gladys Mary ("Bunty" or "Bunt") are all mentioned. Her brother was serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, stationed in Canada.

As of today, September 5, 2014, all of her siblings are still living: Eleanor (born 1918), Robert (born 1922), Bunty (born 1927).