

often occurred that one man was the subject of several investigations. Among these there were: 18,824 defaulters, who failed to register; 9,454 absentees, who failed to report when ordered; and 2,304 deserters, who absented themselves after being taken on the strength of a unit.

**Royal Military College.**—The Royal Military College has a very distinguished record in connection with the war. Of the 914 graduates and ex-cadets who served, 353 were granted commissions direct from the College, and 43 enlisted with a view to obtaining commissions; 138 ex-cadets were reported as killed in action, dead of wounds, or missing.

Ex-cadets of the College won the following honours and decorations: 1 Victoria Cross and 3 recommendations for the Victoria Cross, 106 Distinguished Service Orders, 109 Military Crosses, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 62 other British decorations, 42 foreign decorations.

Three Canadian and one Australian Divisions have been commanded by graduates of the College. The graduates who have served in the war include 1 Lieutenant-General, 8 Major-Generals, and 26 Brigadier Generals.

The College has had between 1,300 and 1,400 cadets on its rolls since its foundation.

## 2. THE NAVAL SERVICE.

**Cruisers.**—At the outbreak of war in 1914 the Canadian Government possessed only two naval vessels, the Niobe, a cruiser of 11,000 tons displacement, with a main armament of sixteen 6-inch guns, stationed at Halifax, and the Rainbow, a small cruiser of 3,600 tons displacement, armed with two 6-inch, six 4.7-inch, and four 12-pounder guns, stationed at Esquimalt, on the Pacific. The Rainbow, which was ready for sea,