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REPORT.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS OVERSEAS.

To:—

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MY LORD,

The following brief Report on the Canadian Catholic Chaplains Overseas, 1918-1919, is a sequel to a Report issued February, 1918, entitled "A Report addressed to the Canadian Hierarchy on the Organisation and Work of the Canadian Catholic Chaplains Overseas for the year 1917." The matter is dealt with under the following headings:—

Military Organisation; Religious Organisation; Establishment Overseas; Personnel; Summary; Gradation List; Religious Work of the Chaplains; Military Decorations; Long Service at the Front; Canadian Corps Chaplains; The Bishops' Visit; A Complete Report on the Catholic Army Huts; and, in conclusion, Religious Statistics, Special Mention and Rome's Reward.

MILITARY ORGANISATION.

On the 1st January, 1918, the military organisation of the Canadian Chaplain Services was as described in the previous report. The Chaplain Service was not organised in Canada, all matters relating to Chaplains in Canada being dealt with by the Adjutant-General. Overseas, that is, in England and France, the Canadian Chaplain Service was part of the military establishment of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada. At its head it had, and has, a Director of Chaplain Services, Colonel (Rev.) Canon John M. Almond, an Anglican clergyman of Montreal. The D.C.S., in all matters relating to Catholic Chaplains, deals through the Assistant Director of Chaplain Services (Roman Catholic), Lieutenant-Colonel (Rev.) W. T. Workman, O.F.M. The A.D.C.S. (R.C.) is the responsible person charged with all matters relating to the Catholic Chaplains overseas.

In France, the D.C.S. was represented by an A.D.C.S. Canadian Corps (Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. McGreer, an Anglican), and Father Workman was represented by a Deputy Assistant Director of Chaplain Services, Canadian Corps (Lieutenant-Colonel Rev. F. L. French). Father French had charge of all the Canadian Catholic Chaplains in France. In purely administrative matters Father French worked through the A.D.C.S., Canadian Corps, and Father Workman through the D.C.S. It can be seen at once that this system, to be satisfactory, requires that the two Protestant clergymen holding the positions of D.C.S. and