

The work will be of distinct service if, by calling attention to defects in the official records and that at a time not too distant from the events, it gives occasion to those actually concerned to afford the needed information and so prepare the way for a fuller and more accurate presentation of the facts at a later date. What has impressed the writer is the difficulty in securing accurate information even within a few months of the event: the difficulty, therefore, that must confront the historian who writes years after the event: the value of such a "contemporary history" as demonstrating to the officers in charge of units the importance of keeping adequate War Diaries.

So many of his colleagues have aided him that the writer finds it invidious to mention their names. He has studiously endeavoured throughout to acknowledge the sources of his information. One essential source has, however, been left out, and he would here call attention to the fact that for events in France as they affected the C.A.M.C. the underlying basis of his work has of necessity been the War Diary and reports of the A.D.M.S., First Canadian Contingent, now Major-General Foster, D.G.M.S. To General Carleton Jones and Colonel Lorne Drum he is indebted for much of the information upon which has been based the chapter upon the rise of the C.A.M.C.

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